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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 7, 1994

Chairman Jeff Schneider presiding.

Bert Jones
Peter Vujnovich
Jerald Hanchey
Joseph B. Cormier
Tee John Mialjevich
Perry Gisclair

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Schneider introduced former Commissioner Dale Vinet and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Chairman Schneider called for a motion for approval of the **June 2, 1994, Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Vujnovich and seconded by Commissioner Cormier. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Secretary's Cup by the Louisiana Taxidermist Association began with Mr. Howard Callahan explaining the specie chosen for this years competition. The winning mount was of two bream done by Mr. Jerry Bourg from Gretna. Mr. Callahan introduced Mr. Bourg to the Commission and announced next year's competition is amphibians with the Eastern Wild Turkey the following year. Secretary Herring stated this project has been occurring for eight years and these mounts are displayed in the building for visual and educational purposes. He also thanked the Association for saving the Department money and felt this was a good public service.

Discussion of Catfish in Lac Des Allemands, Possible Notice of Intent was the next item discussed. Commissioner Mialjevich began stating the controversy with catfish has been going on for 30 years and wanted to put a Notice of Intent into effect to change the size limit in Lac Des Allemands. Commissioner Mialjevich stated he was going to work over the next five months, and interview enforcement, the economic section of the department, the fishermen on both sides of the controversy, out of state fish houses, state-owned fish houses, and restaurant owners, and look at the price structure and see if landing data since 1987 could be developed. Other things that would be looked into would be seasons, mesh sizes, quotas, slots, and limited entry aiming toward an unbiased total look at the controversy. He hoped the information would be gathered in time for a final vote at the December Meeting. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Bennie Fontenot if

five months would be enough time for him to do his work. Mr. Fontenot stated there was a five year study that began in 1985 and the staff felt confident with the information they had. He also felt five months was not much time to do Commissioner Mialjevich's study and noted his staff would only be able to go with the fishermen and observe their catch. Chairman Schneider then asked what could be accomplished in five months, a creel analysis and aging of the fish? Mr. Fontenot assured the Commission his staff would work with Commissioner Mialjevich even if a Notice of Intent was not approved. Commissioner Mialjevich again stated he wanted to find out if what was on paper was reality in the fishermen's nets. Then he stated he had read Mr. Fontenot's report and the only thing it proved was the fish in Lac Des Allemands were not stunted.

Commissioner Jones commented he agreed with Commissioner Mialjevich in compiling the available information and analyzing it but did not agree on filing a Notice of Intent that would reduce the size limit. Chairman Schneider asked Commissioner Jones if the term "Notice of Intent" was what was bothering him and if a resolution would be better? Commissioner Mialjevich felt there was enough evidence to reduce the size limit and noted he needed help in getting people to know he was serious about this study. Commissioner Jones remarked he would consider a resolution that stated there would be consideration of a possible change in the size limit after studying all the available information. Then Commissioner Jones asked if the Notice of Intent could generically state that the size limit may or may not be changed. Mr. Don Puckett explained the Administrative Procedure Act for a rule making process. Commissioner Cormier asked if a resolution would carry the same weight as a Notice of Intent for the study to proceed? Chairman Schneider recognized Representative Warren Triche and asked if he would like to make a comment.

Representative Warren Triche stated he knows this controversy has been going on for quite some time with varying factors and groups contributing to the information the Commissioners would see. The same controversy has gone before the Natural Resources Committee of the legislature and has been soundly defeated each time. Then Representative Triche stated he was at the Commission meeting representing a group of people that are satisfied with the size limit and that are making a living. He felt the Commission did not have enough biological evidence to prove a reduction would be beneficial. He also hoped the final decision made by the Commission would be for the benefit of the resource. Commissioner Cormier asked if Representative Triche objected to the biological data being reviewed.

Commissioner Mialjevich then asked Mr. Jerald Horst, with the Louisiana Extension Service, several questions about the catfish controversy. Some questions were geared on the fish stock, the marketing of undersized catfish, managing catfish at the 50 percent

maturity level and why one catfish was managed one way and the other species a different way. Chairman Schneider again stated all of the Commissioners wanted to do the right thing. Commissioner Mialjevich made a motion to advise the public the Commission was to adopt a rule reducing the minimum size limit on channel catfish in the Lac Des Allemands area. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Jones then made a resolution requesting the department gather the available information together so the Commission could make a final determination. Mr. Fontenot stated he was not sure of what Commissioner Jones was asking. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if a resolution was adopted instead of a Notice of Intent, would a Notice of Intent have time to go before the Oversight Committee during the legislative session. Commissioner Cormier asked if the suggestion should include all the biological data as well as other information when being reviewed and compared. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Puckett if there was a need for a formal resolution. Commissioner Jones asked Commissioner Mialjevich what exactly was he looking for when compiling his study. Commissioner Mialjevich stated he wanted to check the scientific data with what commercial fishermen were catching and the economic aspect. Chairman Schneider then suggested a resolution for the department to re-check the scientific data and confirm field observations along with economic data and report back by the December meeting. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the resolution as read by Chairman Schneider. Commissioner Mialjevich seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

RESOLUTION

The Commission resolves to direct the Department to re-check the scientific data on the Lac Des Allemands catfish and confirm with field observation in conjunction with relevant economic data and report back to the Commission by the December Meeting.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, La. Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, La. Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

Mr. Arthur Williams began the next discussion on **Louisiana Bass Hatchery, Inc. Contribution to Hatchery Therapeutics Clearance Project**. A crisis has arisen in public fish production throughout the United States with the Food and Drug Administration not clearing the use of certain chemicals for therapeutic purposes.

The International Game and Fish Commission has proposed a nationwide study to clear the chemicals with each state providing \$5,000 and another \$15,000 coming from Sport Fish Restoration money. The Louisiana Bass Hatchery, Inc. has agreed to contribute the \$5,000 state match for the study and requested the time to present a check to Secretary Herring. Mr. L. J. Nastassi, President of Louisiana Bass Hatchery, introduced Mr. Leon Gautreaux and Mr. Will Courtney to the Commission. He then explained how his organization began and how it has given Louisiana more bass for stocking. He also thanked the Commission for the 14 inch size limit on bass in the Atchafalaya Basin area. The Louisiana Bass Hatchery, through its membership, was able to raise the \$5,000 state match and presented a check to Secretary Herring. Secretary Herring stated it pleased the Department to have such a group respond to an emergency as they have. Chairman Schneider appreciated the organization helping out and noted there was a need for more public participation.

The May Aircraft Report began with Commissioner Mialjevich asking what was F-03 project? Commissioner Jones asked Secretary Herring the current status of the AeroCommander.

Final Ratification of Hunting Seasons for 1994-95, Resident Game was presented by Mr. Tommy Prickett. The process for setting the seasons takes approximately seven months and begins with recommendations from the field by the district supervisors and project leaders. The Notice of Intent was presented to the Commission in March as well as taking public comments during each Commission meeting thereafter. Mr. Prickett advised there was a change for the Commission to consider and that being a nine day turkey season on Sherburne WMA with four of the nine days being a lottery hunt. Commissioner Jones asked if this season would have any effect on the trapping program? Chairman Schneider asked if this was the only change? Mr. Prickett reminded the Commissioners of a change they already acted on and that being the reduction of doe days on Crowell Lumber Company land in Evangeline Parish. Then he read the basic season structure. Commissioner Jones proposed a change to extend the deer archery season for Area 1 from January 22 until January 31 and this change would exclude the WMA's in the area. Chairman Schneider asked to see a map showing the boundaries for this proposed change. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the hunting regulations packet as read with the changes to extend Area 1 archery season and the turkey lottery hunt on Sherburne WMA. Commissioner Mialjevich seconded the motion. Chairman Schneider asked for public comments and none were heard. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 7, 1994.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, Louisiana Department
of Wildlife & Fisheries

RULE

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1994 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1994-August 31, 1995. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A synopsis of season dates is attached and made part of this rule along with the complete copy of the regulations.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000.

CITATION: None - changes annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 20: (July 1994).

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
(Shooting hours - one-half hour
before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on W.M.A.s or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 24 - Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 1 - Jan. 29	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6/season (By all Methods)
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	STILL HUNT	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Jan. 6-Jan. 16	Dec. 5-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 5
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Oct. 29-Dec. 4	Dec. 5-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 5
3	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Oct. 29-Dec. 4 Dec. 10-Jan. 5	Dec. 5-Dec. 9	

4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Dec. 10-Jan. 8	Dec. 5-Dec. 9	
5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Nov. 19-Nov.27	Dec. 5-Dec. 9 (Bucks Only)	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Nov. 19-Dec. 2	Dec. 3-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 22
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Oct. 29-Nov. 2 Nov. 19-Nov.27	Dec. 3-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 22
8	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Nov. 19-Dec. 2 Jan. 6-Jan. 22	Dec. 3-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 5

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	Mar. 25-Apr. 23
B	Mar. 18-Apr. 23
D	Apr. 8-Apr. 23
E	Mar. 25-Apr. 2

A report on the 1994 Turkey Hunting Season, Spring Nesting and Drawing for Shotguns was presented by Mr. Danny Timmer. The first discussion was on turkey trapping and restoration in Louisiana. During 1994, 190 turkeys were trapped with an additional 37 turkeys being received from other states. Eight releases began last year but could not be completed due to a lack of hens. The harvest of turkeys has been increasing every year since 1982. The kill of turkeys in north and central Louisiana was taking up the slack of what was once the premier hunting areas in southeast Louisiana. There are two research proposals for next year being considered, one for the Kisatchie National Forest and the other for southeast Louisiana. A new statewide turkey poult survey was being instituted beginning July 1, 1994 to determine how good the hatches are from year to year. Chairman Schneider asked if Ben's Creeks was providing all of the birds reported in Washington Parish and what happened in Rapides Parish? Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Timmer to explain the poult survey and how the data would be collected. Commissioner Gisclair asked if some parishes were being eliminated from the stocking program and if there were other parishes work was being performed in? Commissioner Jones clarified to Commissioner Gisclair that every area in the state with suitable habitat and protection was involved in the program. The main thing about turkey restoration was not only habitat but the protection of the birds. Secretary Herring stated there was an attempt 15 to 20

years ago to establish birds in coastal parishes but it did not work.

Next, Mr. Timmer held the drawing for the three shotguns. The first gun, drawn from the southeast area went to Mr. Bill Abbott, Port Vincent, who killed a 16 pound bird with a 9 1/2 inch beard. The central and southern area gun was won by Mr. James Coutee, Derry, having killed a 16 pound turkey with a 10 3/4 inch beard. The last gun, from the northern portion of the state went to Mr. Darin Haynes of Shangaloo, and he killed a 15 pound turkey with a 4 1/2 inch beard. Chairman Schneider thanked Mr. Timmer for his efforts and felt the program was doing very well. He also thanked the public for supporting the regulations.

Recommendations for 1994-95 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates, Bag Limits for Doves, Snipe, Rails, Woodcock, Gallinules, and September Teal Season were given by Mr. Dave Morrison. The tentative dates were established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and would not be officially adopted for another month. The recommendations from the Wildlife Division were:

Dove: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days (Division's Recommendation)

September 3 - September 11

October 15 - November 13

December 10 - January 9

Shooting hours would be noon to sunset on all opening weekends and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

The 60 day option for dove is as follows:

September 3 - September 11

October 15 - November 6

December 10 - January 6

Teal: September 17 - September 25. Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. The shooting hours would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

The outlook for teal and ducks for this coming year was promising, stated Mr. Morrison, with improved water conditions in the northern U.S. and Canada. Commissioner Jones asked if actual numbers were up or was the increase because of the water conditions. The total numbers for ducks are up 24 percent from last year and up five percent over the long term average.

Rails: Split Season

September 17 - September 25

November 12 - January 11

King and Clapper: Daily bag limit of 15 in the aggregate, possession 30.

Sora and Virginia: Daily bag and possession limit would be 25 in the aggregate.

Gallinules: Split Season
September 17 - September 25
November 12 - January 11
Daily bag limit of 15, possession limit of 30

Snipe: November 5 - February 19
Bag limit of 8 per day, possession limit of 16

Woodcock: November 28 - January 31
Bag limit of 5, possession 10

Commissioner Jones, on the woodcock season, asked if the opening date was the Monday following the Thanksgiving weekend and if there would be more hunting opportunities if the season was opened for Thanksgiving weekend? Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the packet as read with the 60 day option for dove season. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Morrison to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no public comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, July 7, 1994.

- WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that provided that no significant changes occur, these tentative seasons will be adopted as the permanent seasons for these migratory species at the August Commission meeting by Declaration of Emergency.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, Louisiana Department
of Wildlife & Fisheries

Commissioner Jones asked, from a handout he received, if there was to be a 45 percent increase in pintails and if all duck populations were significantly increasing? He then asked if pintails and teal were the most diverse in their flying as far as counting them? Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Bateman when was the Canadian waterfowl trip scheduled? He continued by asking if a formal resolution passed by the Commission suggesting the use of the plane would help? Commissioner Jones made a motion for a resolution to accommodate the needs of the Department in using the AeroCommander for its duck survey in Canada. Chairman Schneider asked if this could be included under Item 7 and Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Puckett if he needed to wave the rules? Commissioner Jones made a motion to wave the rules in order to bring up a minor resolution on the use of the AeroCommander. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Stating again, Commissioner Jones made a resolution for the use of the AeroCommander for the trip to Canada as part of the agreement between the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Environmental Quality. Commissioner Cormier again seconded the resolution. This also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is
made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is vitally important for Department staff to understand what our migratory duck population is going to be.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission wants the AeroCommander to be made available to Department staff for the Canada waterfowl trip.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, Louisiana Department
of Wildlife & Fisheries

Announcement of the 1995 Louisiana Duck Stamp Contest was also presented by Mr. Dave Morrison. The species selected was the White-fronted goose or, as commonly known, the Speckle-bellied goose. Deadline for entries would be October 26, 1994 and competition would be held on November 2, 1994.

A Declaration of Emergency to Set Wild Alligator Harvest Season Dates was handled by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. The dates are set after an extensive survey in the marsh to determine the nesting time. He then recommended the season dates should be September 3 through October 2, 1994. Mr. Tarver stated they were looking forward to a very good year. Commissioner Gisclair asked who determines the saltwater lines each time they are moved, how was that line determined and could a saltwater line move back. He then stated he has seen a lot of alligators below the saltwater line. Chairman Schneider asked if there was a procedure for variation in the number of tags based on the number of alligators? Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Tarver if he knew where a hide processing plant was going to be located and would this plant aid alligator harvesters? Then Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Tarver for a presentation at the next meeting on the tagging of alligators and the Gheens farm business.

(The full text of the Declaration of
Emergency is made a part of the
record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, and R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular monthly meeting held July 7, 1994, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, does hereby set the 1994 wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be September 3, 1994 through October 2, 1994.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to close, delay, reopen, or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

A Report on Night Shrimping Ban in Vermilion Bay and the 1994 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season was presented by Mr. Brandt Savoie. A determination on catch rates could not be made on the ban for night shrimping in Vermilion Bay but the staff checked with the fishermen in the area to find out what was going on. The study leader in the area told Mr. Savoie the ban was well received and received positive comments. A complaint was received from a buyer and a recreational fisherman due to the ban. Positive benefits, according to the local fishermen, was grouping of the shrimp at night and then having better success the following day and also providing for a longer season. There was a reduction in the number of conflicts between shrimpers and crab fishermen. Chairman Schneider stated it sounded as though it was more of a positive change than a negative change. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if there were any tickets issued and if there were any people trawling in the section from Intracoastal Canal to Vermilion Bay? Mr. Dale Vinet spoke for 25 to 30 boats that fished Vermilion Bay and stated they were satisfied with the way the ban worked out. He also reported it was a real pleasure to shrimp because they did not have to worry about crab traps ending up in their trawls. Mr. Vinet asked this ban be extended to cover the fall season too.

Mr. Savoie next reported on the 1994 Spring Season beginning with Zone 1 starting well but catches fell rapidly after the first week and have remained low. The size ranged from 31-35's and 40-50's. There was no large movement of the shrimp and the shrimpers reported the catches were poorer than last year. Zone 2 catches fell drastically after the first few days. The size of shrimp increased slowly, ranging from 80-100's at the beginning to 40-50's toward the end of the season. The season was slightly better than last year for Zone 2. Zone 3 catches have remained extremely high but there was not much growth. The overall picture for the month of May was better than last year but well below 1990 and 1991 seasons. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if the shrimp in Grand Lake got bigger than 80-100 count and if Mr. Savoie knew when Zones 1 and 3 would close? Mr. Dale Vinet asked the Commission to think about protecting the white shrimp so they could grow to a decent

size. Commissioner Mialjevich asked Mr. Vinet if he was saying the third Monday in August was too early to open the season?

Commissioner Mialjevich began the **Discussion of Limited Entry Study** stating he has talked with catfish people and finfish people and wanted to try to come up with a professional commercial fisherman by having limited entry. He felt the pie was being sliced too thin. He stated there needed to be a way to keep the people already in the business able to continue in the business. He requested passing a resolution to ask the legislature to put a moratorium on the license sales until a limited entry system could be developed. Commissioner Jones felt Commissioner Mialjevich was right on target and that the ground work needed to be done. He then seconded Commissioner Mialjevich's resolution to consider the concept of limited entry. Commissioner Gisclair requested the Department look at making a distinction between those people who are sport fisherman and those who are commercial fisherman in order to get the true numbers. Commissioner Cormier asked if the resolution would bring that information out? There followed a discussion of committees of the Commission and then Commissioner Mialjevich requested the Chairman form a Limited Entry Committee. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, the concept of limited entry may some time in the future be necessary to further protect the state's fishery resources; and

WHEREAS, limited entry may also be necessary to maintain commercial fishing as a viable economic industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby refer this matter to the Limited Entry Committee to study a feasible approach to the establishment of some form of limited entry in this State including, but not limited to, restricting the sale of commercial gear and vessel licenses to those currently holding such licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Limited Entry Committee shall solicit advice and recommendations from the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Fisheries and his staff, the Department's General Counsel and the LSU Seagrant Legal Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the appropriate time, the Limited Entry Committee shall make a recommendation to the Commission.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, Louisiana Department
of Wildlife & Fisheries

Ratification of Red Snapper Minimum Size Limit was presented by Mr. Harry Blanchet. The rule would increase the minimum size of red snapper in state waters from 13 inches to 14 inches. This regulation would bring Louisiana into conformity with federal regulations. Commissioner Mialjevich stated he has read these regulations would be going to 15 inches next year and then 16 inches after that and asked when will it stop? Then he asked, when the stock of red snapper was rebuilt, would there be a reduction in the minimum size limit? Commissioner Mialjevich stated the sport fishermen would be affected if there continued to be an increase in the length. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Blanchet to read the rule for the record. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the rule and was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Rule is made a
part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend LAC 76:VII.335 raising the minimum size limit for red snapper, which is part of the existing rule for daily take, possession, and size limits for reef fishes set by the Commission. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3.

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§335. Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission, Reef Fish

* * *

- G. Species Minimum Size Limits
1. Red Snapper 14 inches total length

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1992) and LR 20: (July 1994).

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

Ratification of the Netting Prohibition, Hardwater Lake was the next item for discussion. Mr. Bennie Fontenot reminded the Commission a Notice of Intent was passed three or four months ago to prohibit the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in Hardwater Lake located in Grant Parish. The Grant Parish Police Jury requested this prohibition two years ago and, since that time, the Inland Fisheries Division has been conducting a study. The study showed no sustainable commercial fishery in Hardwater Lake. If, in the future, there does appear to be a commercial fishery in the lake, the Police Jury and Department would implement a permit season. Commissioner Jones asked if hoop nets were allowed in the lake? Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Fontenot to read the rule. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to adopt the rule and was seconded by Commissioner Jones and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following rule to prohibit the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in Hardwater Lake located in Grant Parish

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§171. Netting Prohibition - Hardwater Lake

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in Hardwater Lake located in Grant Parish.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20: (July 1994).

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent on **Net Ban During Lake Drawdown** was also presented by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. Several lakes in Louisiana have been built with levees and a drawdown structure to manipulate the water level for controlling aquatic plants or the fishery. When the lake was drawn down, the fish are constricted to a small area and the netters could harvest a lot of these fish. This rule was promulgated in 1981 but was not published as a final rule and thus the reason for the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Chairman Schneider asked who decides when a lake should be drawn down and if the public was notified in advance? Commissioner Jones asked if it would be illegal to fish from the beginning of a drawdown and how long would it take to drawdown Black Lake? Chairman Schneider asked if the drawdown usually continued through the winter? He then asked if the Department has control on the drawdown structure for Black Lake? Commissioner Hanchey asked if the rule was to be statewide and if there was a problem with netting all the fish in Bundicks Lake? Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Fontenot to read the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve both the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:22(B), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in order to protect fish populations in freshwater impoundments during water drawdown periods, does hereby enact the following rule:

All freshwater impoundments shall be closed to use of commercial fish netting during water drawdown periods, unless

otherwise specified by the Department based upon biological and technical data; the closure to begin on the date the drawdown control structure is opened and continued until the lake returns to full pool following closure of the structure.

Emergency action is necessary to provide immediate protection to fish populations in impoundments that are presently, or soon will be in the drawdown condition.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to establish a Rule prohibiting netting in lakes during water drawdown periods.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§175. Net Ban During Lake Drawdown

All freshwater impoundments shall be closed to use of commercial fish netting during water drawdown periods, unless otherwise specified by the Department based upon biological and technical data; the closure to begin on the date the drawdown control structure is opened and continued until the lake returns to full pool following closure of the structure.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20:

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 PM, Thursday, September 1, 1994.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

A Presentation on Hunter Safety was given by Mr. Bud Carpenter. Hunter Safety was beginning its tenth year under the mandatory legislation. There have been approximately 250,000 students graduate from the basic hunter education course. There are on average 600 courses per year with the certification of approximately 20,000 students. Basic requirement includes ten hours of instruction, a test and live fire exercise. The program is conducted by volunteers, and at present there are approximately 1200 volunteers. The Bow Hunter Education course was also coordinated by the Hunter Education office. There have been 98 courses taught with approximately 2,700 students graduating. Hunting accidents have declined in Louisiana and across the Nation stated Mr. Carpenter. Then a five minute video on the 1994 Hunter Education Youth Challenge held at Camp Beauregard was shown. There are two teams that will be representing Louisiana at the North American Youth Hunter Education Championship to be held in North Carolina this month.

A Report on Global Trends in Fisheries Management was given by Mr. Karl Turner. The Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board requested Mr. Turner attend this Conference in Seattle, Washington. The purpose of going was to make it clear commercial fishermen are very concerned about the future of the resources and enlightened fisheries management. Several topics covered at the Conference were: over-capacity in terms of fishing and size of fleets worldwide, lack of adequate data, capacity to enforce, lack of confidence in available information, lack of political will and ineffective monitoring. Mr. Turner then stated the last day of the Conference centered on limited entry, too few fish or too many fishermen. He then explained effort control, where it was used, the major forms of effort control, and the process toward effort control. Mr. Turner stated the Commission needed to work with the commercial fishermen. For limited entry to succeed, it must have the support of the commercial fishermen. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Turner if he could provide a copy of the Conference report to the members.

Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update for the month of June was provided by Ms. Wynnette Kees. During June, 29 cases were assessed for a value of \$26,167 and payment was received on 12 cases which totaled \$3,100. The clerical position has been filled and was now working with assessments and collections. Adjudications were received from the hearing officer on "no shows" from prior hearings and the proper method for notifying these people was the next step to be discussed with Department attorneys. Commissioner Jones asked about the adjudications and when would there be a meeting on the next process.

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 53 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 100 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 104 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 101 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 231 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 310 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 175 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 226 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 235 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 55 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 137 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 7 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,734.

Col. Vidrine informed the Commission of reports they have received on undersized black bass being taken from the Atchafalaya Basin. Over the past 30 days, there were 64 people charged with taking undersized black bass and another 16 people were charged for taking over the limit of black bass. A News Release was being put out weekly listing the names of people charged in the Basin. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if equipment seized was returned within 30 days after final disposition of the charge?

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. Secretary Herring received a letter from the President of the Southern Louisiana Dog Hunters Association complimenting the Commission on the work done with dog and still hunting. Special compliments went out to Commissioner Jones and Chairman Schneider for their work especially in keeping the season the same for Area 6.

The Information and Education Division started a new project to go along with the News Releases. The project, geared for people to improve their own property or for schools to do, would be released at least once a month. Such projects are using Christmas trees for coastal erosion or fish projects or the Purple Martin Bird House. The Division also held a meeting with Louisiana Agriculture Center, Cooperative Extension Service, Louisiana Seagrass College and the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary

program to sign an agreement for Marsh Maneuvers. A new program "Wild Woods Wonderery" dealing with hardwood management areas would be started this year. The Conservationist magazine came out with its calendar issue during June. Aquatic Education held 26 courses with 2,035 students; Project WILD held four courses with 75 students; Hunter Education held 12 courses with 380 students and Bow Hunter held seven courses with 140 students.

In the Fur and Refuge Division, alligator farmers were given 8,045 alligator tags for shipping purposes and issued 79 egg collector permits. Seventeen percent of the eggs hatched in the farms have to be returned to the wild and, thus far this year, over 10,000 have been returned. The staff conducted 22 inspections on the shipment of alligator hides. Mr. Greg Linscombe, of the Division, Secretary Herring and other representatives met with Senator John Breaux to discuss the European fur trade market.

Ms. Julia Larke and Mr. Latimore Smith of the Natural Heritage Section have put out a new book called "Rare Plants of Pine-Hardwood Forests in Louisiana". This publication was the third produced by the Section this year.

The Wildlife Division hoped to start this year a new program of leasing farm land for public dove hunting. It was hoped, with the cooperation of different divisions in contacting farmers, the program would get off the ground. Also, two Wildlife Division employees and Commissioner Hanchey would be taking a trip to Canada during July for surveying waterfowl. Then he explained the reasons for the trip and the request to use the AeroCommander plane. The Forestry Section was killing vegetation on Attakapas Wildlife Management Area for future forest reproduction.

The Marine Fisheries Division conducted a tour of the state with the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service and Director for the Regional Office. They were able to see first hand some of the problems occurring in Louisiana. The Marine Lab was heavily used by research personnel from the Department and other agencies.

The Inland Fisheries Division put out a bid for renovation to the Beechwood Fish Hatchery. The renovation would include constructing 12 new ponds, doing electrical work for all the ponds, and replacing old drainage pipes. The bid was \$2,090,937, with 75 percent of the money coming from Federal Aid funds and the other 25 percent from the Conservation funds. Spanish Lake was drained as recommended by the Highway Department to reinforce the levee. Stockings that occurred were 27,500 Florida bass in Vernon Lake, 54,919 bass in Caney Lake, 10,000 Gulf strain striped bass in Indian Creek Reservoir. The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 3,418 acres of water hyacinths.

Commissioner Cormier asked Secretary Herring what type of progress was being made in having all the different divisions involved come together and agree on the way a rule was to be implemented before going to the Commission.

Commissioner Cormier made a motion the **November 1994 Meeting Date** be scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 1994 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich and passed with no opposition.

Chairman Schneider asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Russell Lantilet from the Bayou State Bowhunters Association wanted to go on record in thanking the Commissioners for all their effort and work done this year. He then explained other issues the Association was involved in with other agencies and gave each member a copy of their most recent Newsletter. Mr. Lantilet and Mr. Mike Calvin conducted a Bow Hunter Education class the weekend of July 8 and 9, 1994 and invited the Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Vujnovich asked Secretary Herring how much longer would the employees be in the New Orleans office and explained how unsafe he felt when he went to the office.

Commissioner Mialjevich asked, in studying the catfish, would it be possible to include studying all the species of catfish? Chairman Schneider stated all species could be included in the study.

Commissioner Cormier made a motion for the meeting to move into Executive Session to discuss **Claim for Underpayment of Royalty Owed by Justiss Oil Company Affecting State Agency Lease Nos. 6840, 6841, and 6842, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana**. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Mialjevich and passed with no opposition. Commissioner Jones requested he be excused from the Executive Session since he has associations with Justiss Oil Company. After their discussion, Commissioner Cormier made a motion the meeting be opened to the public and this was seconded by Commissioner Mialjevich. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Don Puckett to read the resolution. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the resolution as read and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with Commissioner Jones abstaining from voting.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

On motion of Joseph B. Cormier, seconded by Jerald Hanchey, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, an audit was performed on Justiss Oil Company, respecting royalty payments under State Agency Lease Nos. 6840, 6841, and 6842; and

WHEREAS, there are differences between Justiss Oil Company and the Commission respecting the amount of royalty due by Justiss Oil Company; and

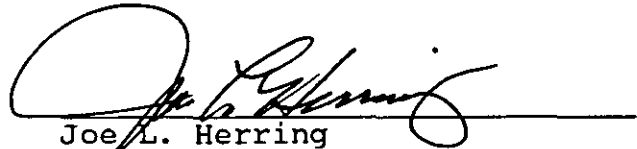
WHEREAS, the Commission has not been able to resolve and settle the outstanding audit issues with Justiss Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 31:137 et seq., demand has been placed on Justiss Oil Company.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Richard P. Ieyoub, Attorney General of the State of Louisiana is hereby requested and authorized to take all appropriate action, including the filing of suit on behalf of the Commission against Justiss Oil Company for collection of all royalty due, along with interest, penalty, and all other remedies prescribed by law.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones made a motion to Adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair.



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING

JULY 7, 1994

**JOHN F. "JEFF" SCHNEIDER
CHAIRMAN**

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

CATFISH DISCUSSION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING

July 7, 1994

Chairman Schneider: Well, if there is no objection from the Commission, why don't we go ahead. Let's see what item is the catfish, number 10, let's move that up now and Tee John I guess you are up.

Commissioner Mialjevich: I guess I am. Thank you. First of all, numerous people had come to me about the catfish issue and I did a little research and it has been going on for about 30 years at least. So, anyway we have a controversy on the commercial side that has been going on for about 30 years and a few people asked me to look into it and after I looked into a little bit, a few more asked me to look into it. And, what I want to do is put a Notice of Intent today to look at changing the size limits of catfish in the Des Allemands area. Today, we are not going to vote to change it, all we are going to do is put in a Notice of Intent and study it over the next five months. The vote to change it will occur, if it is going to be changed or not, at the December Commission Meeting. We are going to have a public hearing about this at the October Commission Meeting. And then the next five months, I'm going to go and work with enforcement, I am going to work with the Economic Department under Mr. Prejean to look at the economic aspect of it, I am going to go to the fishermen on both sides and talk with you and interview you, I want to interview out of state fish houses, I want to interview fish houses in the State of Louisiana, I want to talk to some restaurants, I want to look at the price structure of the catfish and I want to see if the Department can develop me some landing data of the catfish since 1987 and I want to look at a season possibly, look at a quota, look at mesh sizes, look at slots, look at limited entry. I want to do an unbiased total look at it and see and on December 5th, we might all vote no, we are not going to change it. It depends on what the information is going to do. I don't want the side that wants it changed think they are going to get something out of this Notice of Intent of no size limit, that is out of the question. I don't want the side that doesn't want it changed think that I have a handful of special friends and I am doing them a favor. I'm going to do this above board and unbiased and I want everybody to work with me on this. I'm asking you to work with me, I'm willing to work with you and I am going to develop the information and I am going to give it to all the other Commissioners and they're going to make their own decision on whether to vote yes, change it, or no, we are not going to change it or if we got special rules and regulations we are going to put with the Notice of Intent and that will occur on the December meeting. That is about all I have to say on that. Really we got a large crowd today but we are not going to vote on it today. All we are going to vote on today is a Notice of Intent to look at the feasibility or possibility, however you want to state it, of changing the size of catfish. If it says yes in December, we will vote yes. If it says no in December, we are going to vote no. Now the attorney has a copy of the Notice of Intent, should we read that now or just take public comment, or do we need public comment after the statement I made.

Chairman Schneider: I don't think we do. But I would like to ask Bennie, is five months going to be enough time for you to do your thing on this?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Yes, that was a question too that they asked.

Chairman Schneider: To do what Tee John wants to do, is five months going to allow you time to do what you need to do?

Mr. Bennie Fontenot: Let me answer it this way, Mr. Schneider. We've had a study in the past, a five year project we commenced in 1985. We spent \$254,000 doing this study, we are confident with the information we have now. Now, if you want us to go ahead and keep doing this, we will keep on. I am just not sure what more studying will really come out with. But, I will follow any directive. Five months is not a heck of a long time, I'll be honest with you. This would be more or less going out with fishermen and observing their catch, I guess. But we could keep doing this with no problem and I intend, I'm going to ask Tee John.

Commissioner Mialjevich: I am going to work with Bennie.

Mr. Fontenot: And, I intend to do this whether this Notice of Intent is passed or not passed, I intend to do it. I will be glad to, we like that kind of work.

Chairman Schneider: What exactly would you feel like in five months you could accomplish, doing a catch, creel analysis and then maybe aging these fish or something like that?

Mr. Fontenot: Well we think we have aged these fish to death already.

Chairman Schneider: They are already aged, huh?

Mr. Fontenot: Yes sir. The only difference in these five months would be that it wouldn't be my staff sampling or running the nets the way we got the information before. It would be going out with commercial fishermen on the boat and recording their catch and looking at what they are catching. I don't know what five months would tell you, I think you would probably have to do it over a years time. And, if you guys want to pass a Notice of Intent now, of course that is your prerogative, I don't...

Chairman Schneider: That was why we were asking you the question.

Mr. Fontenot: What I am saying is we are going to follow up and do these interviews and work with Tee John on the water whether it is passed or not and again I will say, we have spent over a quarter of a million dollars in the past and have a good bit of information now and it is up to you guys now.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well, I fully intend to go over all his information with him and his staff again to try and understand it. Second, what I want to look at is, see that little turtle up there, huh, the information on paper does not correspond with what is in reality and I want to see what these fishermen. I think in five months, and if I can't see it in five months, then I will ask for more time. I think in five months, and I already started last

month, I want to see what on paper, what is said on paper is going to be reality in these peoples nets, that is what I want to see. And, if those little fish grow up to be plentiful big fish, in November I am going to vote no to change the size limit. And, if I don't see it, well we got a problem, we got to harvest that fish at a smaller size. That is all that I want to look at and go into that and have an unbiased, not to say that yours was biased. But I read your report and the only thing that it proves is that those fish aren't stunted, that they are not a stunned fish. To me, it didn't show there was recruitment overfishing, it didn't show there was growth overfishing, and it didn't even show me that an 11 inch fish is necessary when I read it. And that is what we need the five months to discuss, you and I and if you convince me.

Mr. Fontenot: Sir, my staff feels the report clearly shows this.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well, we will get LSU and a couple of other things involved, you know. But, all I am asking is for the chance to look at it.

Mr. Fontenot: Well that is up to you guys, we will work with you, we will go on the water.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Great, well I am looking at putting in at least, I am going to try, at least one day a week, one day one side, one day the other side until we vote on this. Do you need anything else Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Schneider: No, I am going to ask for discussion from the Commission. Any discussion, Bert did you have anything?

Commissioner Jones: Well my feeling on this is that I agree with you Tee John. I think we need to continue to compile the information that we have, analyze it with what our thought process is on it, but I have serious reservations about suggesting a Notice of Intent where we would be reducing the size when in reality, until. In other words, we are showing that we are guilty, it's not that we need to prove that it needs to be done, not that it does not need to be done. And, I think that is the Department's feel and I think its the Department's feel that it not be changed. So it would be my inclination to agree with you that we ought to compile and consider all research information, net size study, enforcement issues and put it together as a single unit just like you are saying. But it goes against my thought process in suggesting that we notarize a Notice of Intent to change it when reality we are not yet. So, I'm in agreement with you that we need to continue and satisfy your mind as it appears the Department's mind is satisfied about whether or not we should or should not change the size limit. But to pass a Notice of Intent suggesting that we are going to until we are proven that we should not is in my mind not really sending the message properly to the general public.

Chairman Schneider: Well maybe the terminology, Notice of Intent is bothering you or you want a resolution to do...

Commissioner Mialjevich: Can I answer that, my point is I feel there is enough evidence to reduce the size limit, maybe not to eight inch, but there is enough evidence from what I read so far in my mind to reduce it. The second point is if we come up in December and we say great, we did all the research, we

did enough, we got another 120 days before we can reduce the size. This way it is done. And, Mr. Jones, the third point is you get to vote on it if we do it in December.

Commissioner Jones: Oh, I am not arguing about that.

Commissioner Mialjevich: And I want you to vote on it because if I can show you that we should do it then I know I am right. You understand? Because I value your opinion.

Commissioner Jones: I am not arguing with you there.

Commissioner Mialjevich: And, I get your point but I feel a fourth point is unless we make it serious enough to get both sides to the table to talk, I think, the last two months I have been trying to talk and nobody takes it real serious. I need some help to get it serious and a Notice of Intent would do it.

Commissioner Jones: I would consider a resolution in regards to this that would basically read that we are going to take into consideration a possible change in the size of channel catfish on this date after studying all the information that we have. But I still do not feel like we need to publish a Notice of Intent to change something that until the sides tell us we need to do that, we shouldn't. And, I am not disagreeing with you. I just feel the impact of a Notice of Intent is of serious nature and that we do not need to falsify information going to the general public that we are going to reduce the size limit to eight inches and then all of a sudden, we come back and I decide we need to but everybody else decides that the information is compelling and that we should not.

Chairman Schneider: You don't want to mislead?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well, I think we are leading the public in the right direction. We are talking an eight inch and then if we come out with a ten inch, well they are better off. But if we come out and we are looking at changing it, and we don't give them any size, they could go out and start rumors, hey they are thinking about bringing it to a two inch fish. So, I am giving them a starting point to think from and to comment upon.

Commissioner Jones: Okay let's try this starting point. On the Notice of Intent is, can we generically say we are going to make a Notice of Intent that we may change the size limit or we may not as crazy as that sounds.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Or do we have to have that eight inch in it?

Chairman Schneider: Let's hear from our attorney?

Commissioner Jones: Yes, that is what I am saying. I think we may be falsifying what we may or may not be doing and I don't think that is our intent as a Commission.

Mr. Don Puckett: Mr. Mialjevich asked me that question early on. He asked me to draft this Resolution and as part of that process he posed that very

question to me. There is a legal answer and there is a common sense answer here which in between don't meet as is often the case. The common sense answer would be you just tell the public here is a Notice of Intent we are considering reducing it and we don't have enough information now to tell you what the size should be. That probably doesn't jive with the Administrative Procedure Act. The Administrative Procedure Act anticipates that you have a starting point to start the rule making process and that starting point may even be arbitrary at this point in time. In fact, without biological data it probably is arbitrary but it is basically a means of informing the public, well this is our starting point and the rule making process may send that number up or down. So, my advice to him was yes, you probably needed to satisfy the APA, you probably needed a number as a starting point, whatever that might be.

Chairman Schneider: Sounds like we all want to get the study done, we are just bogged down in technicality.

Commissioner Mialjevich: With the Notice of Intent. Well, I am just saying, if we're right, we can change it, it would be better.

Chairman Schneider: J. B. has got something.

Commissioner Cormier: Could I maybe offer a solution that to Mr. Puckett. Would a resolution carry the same weight as that Notice of Intent for this study to proceed forward?

Mr. Puckett: Well, you could accomplish something with a resolution, I mean as far as mandating the Department to begin a study or to supplement its study. But one thing you can't do with a resolution that doesn't have a Notice of Intent attached to it is begin the formal rule making process which is a 150 day process that we have to adhere to the Administrative Procedure Act. Now you could certainly follow up a resolution later on with a Notice of Intent and basically whenever you start your Notice of Intent it is a 150 days from that point.

Chairman Schneider: Well seeing how we have been, well not just us, but somebody has been worrying about this for about 25 years, 120 days is probably not going to kill anybody as far as making a rule. I would like to recognize Representative Warren Triche in the back. Would you like to speak while you are here, Mr. Triche, Representative Triche? I just happened to see you back there and I figured you were here for a reason.

Rep. Triche: Yes sir, thank you very much for the recognition. I am here basically to provide information to the move that is before you and let you know for those of you who have not yet handled this particular discussion. This discussion in the reduction of size for catfish has been on going for quite some time now. As you well know there are varying factors that are contributing to the information that you are going to be looking at and there are also varying groups. I am sure here today you've got people from either side trying to get their cause brought forward. For those of you who do not yet know or realize, this issue has come before the Natural Resource Committee and Wildlife and Fisheries for us in the legislature. It has been soundly defeated each and every time it has come before the house something to the tune of 12 to 2, 12 to 3

votes. You have a number of people here that I am sure that would love to see the size limit go down, but you also have those that are satisfied with the issue as it presently is. I am here today to represent those that are satisfied, those that are making a living, those that feel the reduction in size will only contribute to a decline in the resource. You have a tough issue before you, those people in my area commonly referred to as the Bayou Boeuf-Kramer Area are constantly asking me to please keep the size limit the way it is. They are satisfied, they are happy, they feel that there is enough fish out there for everybody to make a living with the size limit the way it is now. There are at least four other groups that I know of with representatives from the legislature who are probably not going to be here today, but would voice their concern for the reduction in size that this particular commission decides to do that. I don't think at this particular time you have evidence enough within the biological data that would prove that a size reduction would be beneficial. I would hope that this does not become a political or an economic situation for you, although I know when you have a lot of people that come and appear before you in a group such as this, that always tends to be the case. Here again, I would like to inform you once more that this particular issue and Perry I know you've come before us a couple of time, this particular issue has not received support on the House side when Wildlife and Fisheries has come before us with the biological data that they have already presented to you. If I understand correctly, over \$200,000 has been spent on this issue, it has been an on going process for at least five years and I am sure as I said earlier, the political and economic question has always been raised besides the biological data. You've got a tough decision on your hands, I hope that you go along with what is there in front of you in black and white and I hope that your final decision is made for the benefit of the resource if nothing else. And, I will answer any questions you may have.

Chairman Schneider: Are there any questions for the Representative?

Commissioner Cormier: Do you have any objections to them reviewing for the next 20 days those, that biological data that Tee John wanted?

Rep. Triche: Well, that is going to be entirely up to you, I have no objection.

Commissioner Cormier: I am just saying, we are not...I am just asking if you would be in agreement to let him review it.

Rep. Triche: I have no objection to anybody reviewing any of the information, in fact, as a Commission I would wholeheartedly support you looking at the information and making your decision from the information that is provided. Thank you gentlemen, I appreciate being recognized. Thank you very much.

Chairman Schneider: Thank you Representative Triche.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Could I call one person up.

Chairman Schneider: Yes, sure.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 7, 1994

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Chairman Jeff Schneider presiding.

Bert Jones
Peter Vujnovich
Jerald Hanchey
Joseph B. Cormier
Tee John Mialjevich
Perry Gisclair

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Schneider introduced former Commissioner Dale Vinet and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Chairman Schneider called for a motion for approval of the **June 2, 1994, Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Vujnovich and seconded by Commissioner Cormier. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Secretary's Cup by the Louisiana Taxidermist Association began with Mr. Howard Callahan explaining the specie chosen for this years competition. The winning mount was of two bream done by Mr. Jerry Bourg from Gretna. Mr. Callahan introduced Mr. Bourg to the Commission and announced next year's competition ¹⁵ ~~was~~ amphibians with the Eastern Wild Turkey the following year. Secretary Herring stated this project has been occurring for eight years and these mounts are displayed in the building for visual and educational purposes. He also thanked the Association for saving the Department money and felt this was a good public service.

Discussion of Catfish in Lake Des Allemands, Possible Notice of Intent was the next item discussed. Commissioner Mialjevich began stating the controversy with catfish has been going on for 30 years and wanted to put a Notice of Intent into effect to change the size limit in Lac Des Allemands. Over the next five months, Commissioner Mialjevich stated he was going to work and interview enforcement, the economic section of the department, the fishermen on both sides of the controversy, out of state fish houses, state- ^{and} owned fish houses, restaurant owners, look at the price structure and see if landing data since 1987 could be developed. Other things that would be looked into would be seasons, mesh sizes, quotas, slots, and limited entry aiming toward an unbiased total look at the controversy. He hoped the information would be gathered in time for a final vote at the December Meeting. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Bennie Fontenot if five months would ^{and}

Commissioner Mialjevich: I have a person that works and its directed by law I guess. We have the Louisiana Extension Service and I have a person that works with the shrimpers, crabbers, oyster, catfish people that I would like to call up. Mr. Jerald Horst for some information. Jerald, would you give us your name and your position.

Mr. Jerald Horst: My name is Jerald Horst, I am a Sea Grant Extension Service Marine Advisory Agent for Jefferson, St. Charles and St. John Parishes.

Commissioner Mialjevich: For how long?

Mr. Horst: It will be almost 18 years this year.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well then you pretty well know about this catfish conflict?

Mr. Horst: Yes, it has been going on for a long time.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Okay, how long has this undersized harvest been occüring? Well consider by the law we have today, undersized harvest.

Mr. Horst: The harvest of small fish for market for specialty markets went on before I came to work here. It has been before 18 years.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Has this caused a collapse of the fishery?

Mr. Horst: No, there are plenty of fish today and the fish stock is healthy at this time.

Commissioner Mialjevich: I know you work with marketing, would you explain a little bit about the marketing of catfish and the problems?

Mr. Horst: What do you mean in particular?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well, little catfish, big catfish.

Mr. Horst: The catfish industry in this state, some years ago this was a very very large business, I am talking about the commercial industry. It is also harvested recreationally too, but speaking about the commercial sector. In fact the Department figures 15 years ago where the freshwater fishery employed 6,000 people, it really has gone down hill a lot, Tee John. I think Karl Turner with the Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board who isn't here today can bear that out. The primary reason is that we've had very intense competition for the market place from farm raised catfish for these catfish. And, what it has done, it has made it extremely difficult to sell overall the same quantity of fish that we use to sell on the marketplace. And what a lot of fishermen has resorted to doing is, at least in southeast Louisiana, is going after specialty markets for very small fish. Basically the market for fish above five pounds is just about disappeared, so it is extremely difficult to sell those and we probably got maybe half or 60 percent of the seafood buyers that we had 15 to 18 years ago. It just is not as large of a business as it used to be, so the competition has gotten very very intense. It has really hurt wild fishermen.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well, you know one of the contentions that I was reading in the minutes of the meeting long ago that they had the same argument about reducing the size limit of catfish and that is that when they did this study, they put 50 percent maturity on this channel catfish saying that 50 percent maturity was 11 inches and that would be a fair size to harvest this catfish out and not overfish and not over recruit. Do any other catfish have a similar bench mark or 50 percent maturity on them, on their size limits I mean to determine their size limit?

Mr. Horst: You are talking about just catfish?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Just catfish.

Mr. Horst: No not to my knowledge, Tee John.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Does any other freshwater species have it?

Mr. Horst: Just commercial species?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Yes commercial.

Mr. Horst: No, not to my knowledge, let's see, buffalo, goo, and four other species of catfish, no.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Then this is the only freshwater commercial fish that is managed by 50 percent maturity, is that a correct statement?

Mr. Horst: To my knowledge, yes.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Are there any saltwater fish harvested under 50 percent maturity?

Mr. Horst: We've got some that are managed by it, I guess the one that is the most outstanding example that isn't managed on that basis is redfish.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Redfish? What if it was harvested at 50 percent maturity, what the size would be, do you have any idea?

Mr. Horst: Well, it is roughly 25 to 26 inches would be the minimum size on redfish if you use that criteria.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well it is a good thing we don't harvest them at 50 percent then. You talk about some people would be mad then.

Mr. Horst: You might want to check with some of the saltwater people in the Department to verify that, I think that is roughly it.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well, you know, I was just wondering, it seems that we have yellow cats and they harvest at 14 inches, and 50 percent maturity if we harvest it like we harvest the channel cat, would be a 23 inch catfish on my information. On the blue cat, we harvest them at 12 inches and if we would harvest them at 50 percent maturity using the same bench mark as we are doing for

channel cat, then you would have to harvest them at 17 inches instead of 12 inches. But on the eel cat, 50 percent is 11 inches and we harvest them at 11 inches. Can you give me any reason from your background why we harvest one fish at 50 percent maturity and the other way below, like maybe 20 or 30 percent below the maturity rate?

Mr. Horst: No, I can't give you a reason, I am not in management. Our job is not management.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well have you read any information or data that would lead you to draw a conclusion like that?

Mr. Horst: You mean a conclusion why one is managed by one criteria and the others by others?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Yes.

Mr. Horst: I have seen nothing in the literature in my looks, no.

Commissioner Mialjevich: So, we are managing one catfish one way and the other two species another way. I don't have any more questions unless somebody from the Board does.

Chairman Schneider: Do we have any more questions from the Commission?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Or unless Bennie wants to say something else. Thank you for coming sir.

Chairman Schneider: Well, I think we all want to do the right thing and the 120 day period is not nearly as important to me personally as doing the right thing. But I do think we need to look at it some more, so why don't whoever wants to make whatever motion you want to make, we will just vote on it up or down and then we will see what happens.

Commissioner Mialjevich: I am hoping that ya'll will go with me on this. I would like to make a motion that we advise the people we intend to adopt a rule regarding the minimum size limit on channel catfish in the Lac Des Allemands, Lake Salvador, Lake Cataouatche, Lake Maurepas and the western part of Lake Pontchartrain and the associated bayous and streams. The adoption of the final rule shall be contingent upon the availability of biological data from the Department and other sources which indicates that this reduction in size limit would not be detrimental to the channel catfish resource. And it goes on to say that the size limit that we are putting out to the public for comment is an eight inch minimum length with the mouth closed or a six and one-half inch with the collarbone off in that same area that was described. And there is a longer description of the area with highways and rivers and everything in it. And that is my motion if I can get a second.

Chairman Schneider: Okay a motion has been made by Tee John, is there a second? It dies for lack of a second.

Commissioner Jones: I would like to make a resolution request here. In harmony of what Tee John wants to have put together that which is principally a study in order to show the facts that we do need to change this to an eight inch minimum is that we get basically instead of a Notice of Intent, let's read it as a resolution to show that it should reflect that which the Department finds out in its study to how we should react towards this and then bring it up for later consideration. Does that make sense, Don? Probably not, but what we are trying to do is we are trying to establish some seriousness in getting all facets of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries together, that being enforcement, biological side along with the information that we have from the fisheries seafood section and just put it together in one nice clean packet along with Tee John's recommendation. I am not suggesting that we come out and do another \$250,000 study on the catfish, but compile all of the current information that we have and compile all the facets that Tee John needs to have satisfied put together so that we can consider this as a potential Notice down the line.

Chairman Schneider: That is a pretty good resolution.

Commissioner Jones: In lieu of a Notice of Intent.

Mr. Fontenot: Mr. Jones, I am not quite sure what you are asking because we have published this at the Southeastern and it is published in the Proceedings and I don't know how much more we can put it together, I guess is what I am saying.

Chairman Schneider: I think Tee John wants time to...

Mr. Fontenot: But, I would be more than happy to go with Tee John and our staff and work with fishermen on both sides and run nets and see what they are catching.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Let me ask one question to the attorney? If we go with this instead of a Notice of Intent today, will it have time to go through the Notice of Intent and get to the Oversight Committee in the Legislature during the session next year, because if it doesn't then we have to wait another whole year after that. Timing, I think is necessary.

Mr. Puckett: Oversight process is not a contingent upon the legislature being in session. In other words, you could have an Oversight Meeting out of session.

Chairman Schneider: They meet year round on when it is necessary.

Commissioner Cormier: But one thing, Mr. Puckett, in that resolution...

Commissioner Jones: Wait I am not sure it is a formal resolution, it is just a formal suggestion.

Commissioner Cormier: ... that formal suggestion, if we include in there that all of the evidence will be considered in addition to that biological data. The biological data is already gathered, we just want to review if it is my

understanding, Tee John just wants to review, compare with other information so we will consider other evidence as well, am I correct Tee John?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Right.

Commissioner Cormier: That resolution should include that.

Chairman Schneider: Do we even need a resolution to do this?

Commissioner Jones: No, I don't think it needs a formal resolution but I think we need the formality of the fact that we want to consummate whatever it is.

Chairman Schneider: But Tee John wants to report back by the December meeting, do we need a resolution for this at all or can we just go ahead and do it?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well no, we are not going to have a public hearings without a Notice of Intent.

Chairman Schneider: Well if we decide to do something at the December meeting, then we will start that process and it will be 120 days.

Mr. Puckett: The main thing is the Secretary and the staff need a clear directive as to what they need to bring back to the Commission and what their time frames are.

Commissioner Jones: Okay Tee John what is it you are looking for when we are talking about compiling your study together. What will satisfy your thought processes is really what I am asking.

Chairman Schneider: Why don't you and Mr. Jones get together and write this for us?

Commissioner Mialjevich: We could. What I am looking for is, from what I read in the minutes and what I read from his reports, I don't see in reality. And I am looking to get from the records, the landing records that the Seafood Dealers have to send in about the catfish landings. I mean, it is nice to say we got 500 fish that is one inch and in two years they are going to have 500 fish that is 11 inch. But if the fishermen don't catch them in two years, well then what good did it do and that's why I want to go out with the fishermen. I want to check the scientific data with the reality. And I also want to see the economic and maybe, you know it is going to be close to have it done for December, the economic aspect of it because we manage one fish now, not by 50 percent maturity and not by biology, simply by social and economic consideration and that is redbfish. And, if we can do it for redbfish, we can do it for catfish, you get my drift. And if we have markets out of this state that wants to buy an undersized catfish that is not legal at this time and we can bring money into this state and money into these fishermen and money into that community and not be deteriorating the species then let's do it. Let's not let public opinion say more people on one side says no then the side that says yes. Let's look at it fully. Some of these people that are saying no today when it shows that it won't

affect it might be willing to go fish that catfish. I wanted to fish this big fish, Dale Vinet will be evident to that, and then I went fish the little shrimp, now I fish both of them. Things change.

Chairman Schneider: All right, how about a resolution directing the Department to re-check the scientific data and confirm the field observations in conjunction with relevant economic data and report back to the Commission by the December Meeting. Does that get it all?

Commissioner Mialjevich: Would you have enough time?

Chairman Schneider: Well he can report that back too.

Mr. Fontenot: Tee John, what I might suggest is if we could get some of my staff and sit with you or...

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well not only me, I want a representative or two from the pro side and a representative or two from the con side. Let's make it with the fishermen involved.

Mr. Fontenot: All right, ... make it clear just exactly what you want us to do, it is still a little cloudy to me.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Well I know what I want, I want to see the fish that your data says is going to be there for them to catch and so far I haven't seen that.

Chairman Schneider: Let's just go ahead and make a resolution and then ya'll hash it out between you.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Let's make the resolution then if I can't get the Notice of Intent, that is better than nothing.

Chairman Schneider: Okay. How about a resolution directing the Department to re-check the scientific data and confirm with field observations in conjunction with relevant economic data and report back to the Commission by the December meeting. Is someone going to make that motion?

Commissioner Jones: I will make that motion.

Chairman Schneider: Is someone going to second it?

Commissioner Mialjevich: I will second it.

Chairman Schneider: All those in favor say aye? (Everyone said aye.) All those opposed? (Nothing was said.) It clearly carries. Thank you.

Commissioner Cormier: Tee John, you are going to also include that other data you want.

Commissioner Mialjevich: I am not going to change anything.

Chairman Schneider: We are going to get the information one way or the other.

During Public Comment period, Commissioner Mialjevich made the following request with reference to the Resolution.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Before we go to number 24, can I ask something?

Chairman Schneider: Yes.

Commissioner Mialjevich: I'm going to be studying this eel or channel catfish. I was second thinking there are two other species too that are not complying with a 50 percent maturity or really don't have any great background on it, could I include those two catfish also?

Chairman Schneider: Sure.

Commissioner Mialjevich: Okay, so we don't need that resolution then, we will just include it. Good enough, thank you.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LA

July 7, 1994

10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 1994
3. Presentation of Secretary's Cup by the Louisiana Taxidermist Association - Howard Callahan
- ~~II-42~~ 4. Aircraft Report - Lee Caubarreaux
- ~~II-79~~ 5. Final Ratification of Hunting Seasons for 1994-95, Resident Game - Tommy Prickett
- ~~II-260~~ 6. 1994 Turkey Hunting Season Report, Spring Nesting and Drawing for Shotguns - Danny Timmer
- ~~II-437~~ 7. Recommendations for 1994-95 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates, Bag Limits for Doves, Snipe, Rails, Woodcock, Gallinules, and September Teal Season - Dave Morrison
- ~~II-586~~ 8. Announcement of the 1994 Louisiana Duck Stamp Contest - Dave Morrison
9. Declaration of Emergency - Set Wild Alligator Harvest Season Dates - Johnnie Tarver
- ~~I-102~~ 10. Discussion of Catfish in Lake Des Allemands, Possible Notice of Intent - Tee John Mialjevich
- ~~III-132~~ 11. Report on Night Shrimping Ban in Vermilion Bay and 1994 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season - Brandt Savoie
12. Discussion of Limited Entry Study - Tee John Mialjevich
- ~~II-434~~ 13. Ratification of Red Snapper Minimum Size Limit - Harry Blanchet
- ~~I-550~~ 14. Louisiana Bass Hatchery, Inc. Contribution to Hatchery Therapeutics Clearance Project - Bennie Fontenot
- ~~III-484~~ 15. Ratification of the Netting Prohibition, Hardwater Lake - Bennie Fontenot
- ~~III-484~~ 16. Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - Net Ban During Lake Drawdown - Bennie Fontenot
- ~~III-510~~
~~III-582~~ 17. Presentation on Hunter Safety - Bud Carpenter

Video!! 5:00

IV-147 18. Report on Global Trends in Fisheries Management Conference - Karl Turner

IV-286 19. Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update - Wynnette Kees

IV-334 20. Monthly Law Enforcement Report/June - Winton Vidrine

IV-456 21. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe Herring

22. Set November 1994 Meeting Date

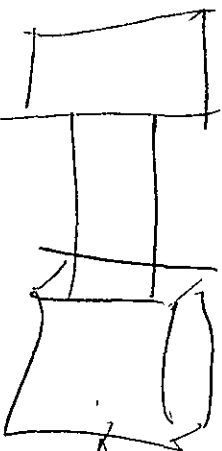
II-230 23. Public Comments *BS Bowlin*

IV-338 EXECUTIVE SESSION 24. Claim for Underpayment of Royalty Owed by Justiss Oil Company Affecting State Agency Lease Nos. 6840, 6841 and 6842, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (Executive Session) - Don Puckett

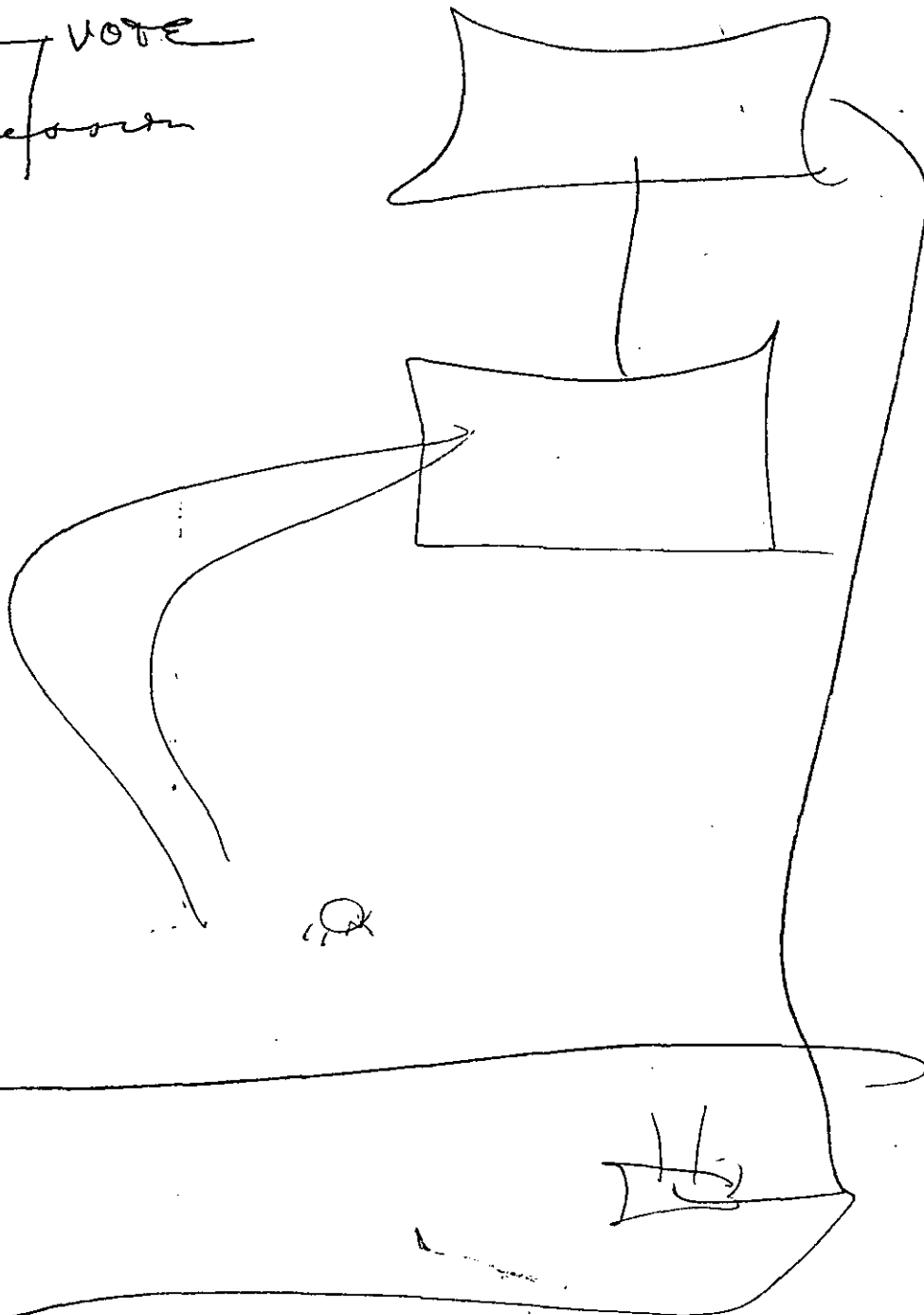
VOTE

~~25. Adjourn~~

II-338 *Back into session*



petition



be enough time for him to do his work. Mr. Fontenot stated there was a five year study that began in 1985 and the staff felt confident with the information they had. He also felt five months was not much time to do Commissioner Mialjevich's study and noted his staff would only be able to go with the fishermen and observe their catch. Chairman Schneider then asked what could be accomplished in five months, a creel analysis and aging of the fish? Mr. Fontenot assured the Commission his staff would work with Commissioner Mialjevich even if a Notice of Intent was not approved. Commissioner Mialjevich again stated he wanted to find out if what was on paper was reality in the fishermen's nets. Then he stated he had read Mr. Fontenot's report and the only thing it proved was the fish in Lac Des Allemands were not stunted.

Commissioner Jones commented he agreed with Commissioner Mialjevich in compiling the available information and analyzing it but did not agree on filing a Notice of Intent that would reduce the size limit. Chairman Schneider asked Commissioner Jones if the term "Notice of Intent" was what was bothering him and if a resolution would be better? Commissioner Mialjevich felt there was enough evidence to reduce the size limit and noted he needed help in getting people to know he was serious about this study. Commissioner Jones remarked he would consider a resolution that stated there would be consideration of a possible change in the size limit after studying all the available information. Then Commissioner Jones asked if the Notice of Intent could generically state that the size limit may or may not be changed. Mr. Don Puckett explained the Administrative Procedure Act for a rule making process. Commissioner Cormier asked if a resolution would carry the same weight as a Notice of Intent for the study to proceed? Chairman Schneider recognized Representative Warren Triche and asked if he would like to make a comment.

Representative Warren Triche stated he knows this controversy has been going on for quite some time with varying factors and groups contributing to the information the Commissioners would see. The same controversy has gone before the Natural Resources Committee of the legislature and has been soundly defeated each time. Then Representative Triche stated he was at the Commission meeting representing a group of people that are satisfied with the size limit and that are making a living. He felt the Commission did not have enough biological evidence to prove a reduction would be beneficial. He also hoped the final decision made by the Commission would be for the benefit of the resource. Commissioner Cormier asked if Representative Triche objected to the biological data being reviewed.

Commissioner Mialjevich then asked Mr. Jerald Horst, with the Louisiana Extension Service, several questions about the catfish controversy. Some questions were geared on the fish stock, the marketing of undersized catfish, managing catfish at the 50 percent maturity level and why one catfish was managed one way and the

other species a different way. Chairman Schneider again stated all of the Commissioners wanted to do the right thing. Commissioner Mialjevich made a motion to advise the public the Commission was to adopt a rule reducing the minimum size limit on channel catfish in the Lac Des Allemands area. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Jones then made a resolution requesting the department gather the available information together so the Commission could make a final determination. Mr. Fontenot stated he was not sure of what Commissioner Jones was asking. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if a resolution was adopted instead of a Notice of Intent, would a Notice of Intent have time to go before the Oversight Committee during the legislative session. Commissioner Cormier asked if the suggestion should include all the biological data as well as other information when being reviewed and compared. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Puckett if there was a need for a formal resolution. Commissioner Jones asked Commissioner Mialjevich what exactly was he looking for when compiling his study. Commissioner Mialjevich stated he wanted to check the scientific data with what commercial fishermen were catching and the economic aspect. Chairman Schneider then suggested a resolution for the department to re-check the scientific data and confirm field observations along with economic data and report back by December meeting. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the resolution as read by Chairman Schneider. Commissioner Mialjevich seconded the motion and passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

RESOLUTION

The Commission resolves to direct the Department to re-check the scientific data on the Lac Des Allemands catfish and confirm with field observation in conjunction with relevant economic data and report back to the Commission by the December Meeting.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, La. Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, La. Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

Mr. Arthur Williams began the next discussion on **Louisiana Bass Hatchery, Inc. Contribution to Hatchery Therapeutics Clearance Project**. A crisis has arisen in public fish production throughout the United States with the Food and Drug Administration not clearing the use of certain chemicals for therapeutic purposes. The International Game and Fish Commission has proposed a

LA. nationwide study to clear the chemicals with each state providing \$5,000 and another \$15,000 coming from Sport Fish Restoration money. The Bass Hatchery, Inc. has agreed to contribute the \$5,000 state match for the study and requested the time to present a check to Secretary Herring. Mr. L. J. Nastassi, President of Louisiana Bass Hatchery, introduced Mr. Leon Gautreaux and Mr. Will Courtney to the Commission. He then explained how his organization began and how it has given Louisiana more bass for stocking. He also thanked the Commission for the 14 inch size limit on bass in the Atchafalaya Basin area. The Louisiana Bass Hatchery, through its membership, WAS were able to raise the \$5,000 state match and presented a check to Secretary Herring. Secretary Herring stated it pleased the Department to have such a group to respond to an emergency as they have. Chairman Schneider appreciated the organization helping out and noted there was a need for more public participation.

The May Aircraft Report began with Commissioner Mialjevich asking what was F-03 project? Commissioner Jones asked Secretary Herring the current status of the AeroCommander.

Final Ratification of Hunting Seasons for 1994-95, Resident Game was presented by Mr. Tommy Prickett. The process for setting the seasons takes approximately seven months and begins with recommendations from the field by the district supervisors and project leaders. The Notice of Intent was presented to the Commission in March as well as holding public comments during each Commission meeting thereafter. Mr. Prickett advised there was a change for the Commission to consider and that being a nine day turkey season on Sherburne WMA with four of the nine days being a lottery hunt. Commissioner Jones asked if this season would have any effect on the trapping program? Chairman Schneider asked if this was the only change? Mr. Prickett reminded the Commissioners of a change they already acted on and that being the reduction of doe days on Crowell Lumber Company in Evangeline Parish. Then he read the basic season structure. Commissioner Jones proposed a change to extend the deer archery season for Area 1 from January 22 until January 31 and this change would exclude the WMA's in the area. Chairman Schneider asked to see a map showing the boundaries for this proposed change. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the hunting regulations packet as read with the changes to extend Area 1 archery season and the turkey lottery hunt on Sherburne WMA. Commissioner Mialjevich seconded the motion. Chairman Schneider asked for public comments and none were heard. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 7, 1994.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS,** this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, Louisiana Department
of Wildlife & Fisheries

RULE

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1994 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1994-August 31, 1995. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A synopsis of season dates is attached and made part of this rule along with the complete copy of the regulations.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000.

CITATION: None - changes annually.
 AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.
 HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 20: (July 1994).

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
 Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
 (Shooting hours - one-half hour
 before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on W.M.A.s or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 24 - Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 1 - Jan. 29	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6/season (By all Methods)
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	STILL HUNT	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Jan. 6-Jan. 16	Dec. 5-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 5
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Oct. 29-Dec. 4	Dec. 5-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 5
3	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Oct. 29-Dec. 4 Dec. 10-Jan. 5	Dec. 5-Dec. 9	
4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Dec. 10-Jan. 8	Dec. 5-Dec. 9	

5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Nov. 19-Nov.27	Dec. 5-Dec. 9 (Bucks Only)	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Nov. 19-Dec. 2	Dec. 3-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 22
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Oct. 29-Nov. 2 Nov. 19-Nov.27	Dec. 3-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 22
8	Oct. 1 - Jan. 22	Nov. 19-Dec. 2 Jan. 6-Jan. 22	Dec. 3-Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 5

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	Mar. 25-Apr. 23
B	Mar. 18-Apr. 23
D	Apr. 8-Apr. 23
E	Mar. 25-Apr. 2

A report on the **1994 Turkey Hunting Season, Spring Nesting and Drawing for Shotguns** was presented by Mr. Danny Timmer. The first discussion was on turkey trapping and restoration in Louisiana. ~~In the state~~ during 1994, 190 turkeys were trapped with an additional 37 turkeys being received from other states. Eight releases began last year but could not be completed due to a lack of hens. The harvest of turkeys has been increasing every year since 1982. The kill of turkeys in north and central Louisiana was taking up the slack of what was once the premier hunting areas in southeast Louisiana. There are two research proposals for next year being considered, one for the Kisatchie National Forest and the other for southeast Louisiana. A new statewide turkey poult survey was being instituted beginning July 1, 1994 to determine how good the hatches are from year to year. Chairman Schneider asked if Ben's Creeks was providing all of the birds reported in Washington Parish and what happened in Rapides Parish? Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Timmer to explain the poult survey and how the data would be collected. Commissioner Gisclair asked if some parishes were being eliminated from the stocking program and if there were other parishes work was being performed on? Commissioner Jones clarified to Commissioner Gisclair that every area in the state with suitable habitat and protection was involved in the program. The main thing about turkey restoration was not only habitat but the protection of the birds. Secretary Herring stated there was an attempt 15 to 20 years ago to establish birds in coastal parishes but it did not work.

Next, Mr. Timmer held the drawing for the three shotguns. The first gun, drawn from the southeast area went to Mr. Bill Abbott, Port Vincent, who killed a 16 pound bird with a 9 1/2 inch beard. The central and southern area gun was won by Mr. James Coutee, Derry, having killed a 16 pound turkey with a 10 3/4 inch beard. The last gun, from the northern portion of the state went to Mr. Darin Haynes of Shangaloo, and he killed a 15 pound turkey with a 4 1/2 inch beard. Chairman Schneider thanked Mr. Timmer for his efforts and felt the program was doing very well. He also thanked the public for supporting the regulations.

Recommendations for 1994-95 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates, Bag Limits for Doves, Snipe, Rails, Woodcock, Gallinules, and September Teal Season were given by Mr. Dave Morrison. The tentative dates were established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and would not be officially adopted for another month. The recommendations from the Wildlife Division were:

Dove: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days (Division's Recommendation)

September 3 - September 11

October 15 - November 13

December 10 - January 9

Shooting hours would be noon to sunset on all opening weekends and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

The 60 day option for dove is as follows:

September 3 - September 11

October 15 - November 6

December 10 - January 6

Teal: September 17 - September 25. Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. The shooting hours would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

The outlook for teal and ducks for this coming year was promising, stated Mr. Morrison with improved water conditions in the northern U.S. and Canada. Commissioner Jones asked if actual numbers were up or was the increase because of the water conditions. The total numbers for ducks are up 24 percent from last year and up five percent over the long term average.

Rails: Split Season

September 17 - September 25

November 12 - January 11

King and Clapper: Daily bag limit of 15 in the aggregate, possession 30.

Sora and Virginia: Daily bag and possession limit would be 25 in the aggregate.

Gallinules: Split Season
September 17 - September 25
November 12 - January 11
Daily bag limit of 15, possession limit of 30

Snipe: November 5 - February 19
Bag limit of 8 per day, possession limit of 16

Woodcock: November 28 - January 31
Bag limit of 5, possession 10

Commissioner Jones, on the woodcock season, asked if the opening date was the Monday following the Thanksgiving weekend and if there would be more hunting opportunities if the season was opened for Thanksgiving weekend? Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the packet as read with the 60 day option for dove season. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Morrison to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no public comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, July 7, 1994.

- WHEREAS,** public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS,** the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS,** rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and
- WHEREAS,** it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints

established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that provided that no significant changes occur, these tentative seasons will be adopted as the permanent seasons for these migratory species at the August Commission meeting by Declaration of Emergency.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, Louisiana Department
of Wildlife & Fisheries

would ~~the plane~~ help? Commissioner Jones asked, from a handout he received, if there was to be a 45 percent increase in pintails and if all duck populations were significantly increasing? He then asked if pintails and teal were the most diverse in their flying as far as counting them? Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Bateman when was the Canadian waterfowl trip scheduled? He continued by asking if a formal resolution passed by the Commission suggesting the use of the plane help? Commissioner Jones made a motion for a resolution to accommodate the needs of the Department in using the AeroCommander for its duck survey in Canada. Chairman Schneider asked if this could be included under Item 7 and Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Puckett if he needed to wave the rules? Commissioner Jones made a motion to wave the rules in order to bring up a minor resolution on the use of the AeroCommander. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Stating again, Commissioner Jones made a resolution for the use of the AeroCommander for the trip to Canada as part of the agreement between the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Environmental Quality. Commissioner Cormier again seconded the resolution. This also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is vitally important for Department staff to understand what our migratory duck population is going to be.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission wants the AeroCommander to be made available to Department staff for the Canada waterfowl trip.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, Louisiana Department
of Wildlife & Fisheries

Announcement of the **1995 Louisiana Duck Stamp Contest** was also presented by Mr. Dave Morrison. The species selected was the White-fronted goose or, as commonly known, the Speckle-bellied goose. Deadline for entries would be October 26, 1994 and competition would be held on November 2, 1994.

A Declaration of Emergency to **Set Wild Alligator Harvest Season Dates** was handled by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. The dates are set after an extensive survey in the marsh to determine the nesting time. He then recommended the season dates should be September 3 through October 2, 1994. Mr. Tarver stated they were looking forward to a very good year. Commissioner Gisclair asked who determines the saltwater lines each time they are moved, how was that line determined and could a saltwater line move back. He then stated he has seen a lot of alligators below the saltwater line. Chairman Schneider asked if there was a procedure for variation in the number of tags based on the number of alligators? Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Tarver if he knew where a hide processing plant was going to be located and would this plant aid alligator harvesters? Then Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Tarver for a presentation at the next meeting on the tagging of alligators and the Gheens farm business.

(The full text of the Declaration of
Emergency is made a part of the
record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, and R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular monthly meeting held July 7, 1994, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, does hereby set the 1994 wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be September 3, 1994 through October 2, 1994.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to close, delay, reopen, or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

A Report on Night Shrimping Ban in Vermilion Bay and the 1994 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season was presented by Mr. Brandt Savoie. A determination on catch rates could not be made on the ban for night shrimping in Vermilion Bay but the staff checked with the fishermen in the area to find out what was going on. The study leader in the area told Mr. Savoie the ban was well received and received positive comments. A complaint was received from a buyer and a recreational fisherman due to the ban. Positive benefits according to the local fishermen was grouping of the shrimp at night and then having better success the following day and also providing for a longer season. There was a reduction in the number of conflicts between shrimpers and crab fishermen. Chairman Schneider stated it sounded as though it was more of a positive change than a negative change. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if there were any tickets issued and if there were any people trawling in the section from Intracoastal Canal to Vermilion Bay? Mr. Dale Vinet spoke for 25 to 30 boats that fished Vermilion Bay and stated they were satisfied with the way the ban worked out. He also reported it was a real pleasure to shrimp because they did not have to worry about crab traps ending up in their trawls. Mr. Vinet asked this ban be extended to cover the fall season too.

Mr. Savoie next reported on the 1994 Spring Season beginning with Zone 1 starting well but catches fell rapidly after the first week and have remained low. The size ranged from 31-35's and 40-50's. There was no large movement of the shrimp and the shrimpers reported the catches were poorer than last year. Zone 2 catches fell drastically after the first few days. The size of shrimp increased slowly ranging from 80-100's at the beginning to 40-50's toward the end of the season. The season was slightly better than last year for Zone 2. Zone 3 catches have remained extremely high but there was not much growth. The overall picture for the month of May was better than last year but well below 1990 and 1991 seasons. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if the shrimp in Grand Lake got bigger than 80-100 count and if Mr. Savoie knew when Zones 1 and 3 would close? Mr. Dale Vinet asked the Commission to think about protecting the white shrimp so they could grow to a decent size. Commissioner Mialjevich asked Mr. Vinet if he was saying the third Monday in August was too early to open the season?

Commissioner Mialjevich began the **Discussion of Limited Entry Study** stating he has talked with catfish people and finfish people and wanted to try to come up with a professional commercial fisherman by having limited entry. He felt the pie was being sliced too thin. He stated there needed to be a way to keep the people already in the business able to continue in the business. He requested passing a resolution to ask the legislature to put a moratorium on the license sales until a limited entry system could be developed. Commissioner Jones felt Commissioner Mialjevich was right on target and that the ground work needed to be done. He then seconded Commissioner Mialjevich's resolution to consider the concept of limited entry. Commissioner Gisclair requested the Department look at making a distinction between those people who are sport fisherman and those who are commercial fisherman in order to get the true numbers. Commissioner Cormier asked if the resolution would bring that information out? There followed a discussion of committees of the Commission and then Commissioner Mialjevich requested the Chairman form a Limited Entry Committee. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, the concept of limited entry may some time in the future be necessary to further protect the state's fishery resources; and

WHEREAS, limited entry may also be necessary to maintain commercial fishing as a viable economic industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby refer this matter to the Limited Entry Committee to study a feasible approach to the establishment of some form of limited entry in this State including, but not limited to, restricting the sale of commercial gear and vessel licenses to those currently holding such licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Limited Entry Committee shall solicit advice and recommendations from the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Fisheries and his staff, the Department's General Counsel and the LSU Seagrant Legal Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the appropriate time, the Limited Entry Committee shall make a recommendation to the Commission.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, Louisiana Department
of Wildlife & Fisheries

LA. Ratification of **Red Snapper Minimum Size Limit** was presented by Mr. Harry Blanchet. The rule would increase the minimum size of red snapper in state waters from 13 inches to 14 inches. This regulation would bring it into conformity with federal regulations. Commissioner Mialjevich stated he has read these regulations would be going to 15 inches next year and then 16 inches after that and asked when will it stop? Then he asked, when the stock of red snapper was rebuilt, would there be a reduction in the minimum size limit? Commissioner Mialjevich stated the sport fishermen would be affected if there continued to be an increase in the length. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Blanchet to read the rule for the record. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the rule and was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend LAC 76:VII.335 raising the minimum size limit for red snapper, which is part of the existing rule for daily take, possession, and size limits for reef fishes set by the Commission. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3.

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§335. Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission, Reef Fish

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G. <u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size Limits</u>
1. Red Snapper	14 inches total length

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1992) and LR 20: (July 1994).

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

Ratification of the **Netting Prohibition, Hardwater Lake** was the next item for discussion. Mr. Bennie Fontenot reminded the Commission a Notice of Intent was passed three or four months ago to prohibit the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in Hardwater Lake located in Grant Parish. The Grant Parish Police Jury requested this prohibition two years ago and since that time, the Inland Fisheries Division has been conducting a study. The study showed no sustainable commercial fishery in Hardwater Lake. If, in the future, there does appear to be a commercial fishery in the lake, the Police Jury and Department would implement a permit season. Commissioner Jones asked if hoop nets were allowed in the lake? Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Fontenot to read the rule. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to adopt the rule and was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously. *it*

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following rule to prohibit the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in Hardwater Lake located in Grant Parish

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§171. Netting Prohibition - Hardwater Lake

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in Hardwater Lake located in Grant Parish.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20: (July 1994).

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent on **Net Ban During Lake Drawdown** was also presented by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. Several lakes in Louisiana have been built with levees and a drawdown structure to manipulate the water level for controlling ~~the~~ aquatic plants or the fishery. When the lake was drawn down, the fish are constricted to a small area and the netters could harvest a lot of these fish. This rule was promulgated in 1981 but was not published as a final rule and thus the reason for the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Chairman Schneider asked who decides when a lake should be drawn down and if the public was notified in advance? Commissioner Jones asked if it would be illegal to fish from the beginning of a drawdown and how long would it take to drawdown Black Lake? Chairman Schneider asked if the drawdown usually continued through the winter? He then asked if the Department has control on the drawdown structure for Black Lake? Commissioner Hanchey asked if the rule was to be statewide and if there was a problem with netting all the fish in Bundicks Lake? Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Fontenot to read the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve both the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:22(B), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in order to protect fish populations in freshwater impoundments during water drawdown periods, does hereby enact the following rule:

All freshwater impoundments shall be closed to use of commercial fish netting during water drawdown periods, unless otherwise specified by the Department based upon biological and technical data; the closure to begin on the date the drawdown control structure is opened and continued until the lake returns to full pool following closure of the structure.

Emergency action is necessary to provide immediate protection to fish populations in impoundments that are presently, or soon will be in the drawdown condition.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to establish a Rule prohibiting netting in lakes during water drawdown periods.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§175. Net Ban During Lake Drawdown

All freshwater impoundments shall be closed to use of commercial fish netting during water drawdown periods, unless otherwise specified by the Department based upon biological and technical data; the closure to begin on the date the drawdown control structure is opened and continued until the lake returns to full pool following closure of the structure.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20:

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 PM, Thursday, September 1, 1994.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

A Presentation on **Hunter Safety** was given by Mr. Bud Carpenter. Hunter Safety was beginning its tenth year under the mandatory legislation. There have been approximately 250,000 students graduate from the basic hunter education course. There are on average 600 courses per year with the certification of approximately 20,000 students. Basic requirement includes ten

hours of instruction, a test and live fire exercise. The program is conducted by volunteers, and at present there are approximately 1200 volunteers. The Bow Hunter Education course was also coordinated by the Hunter Education office. There have been 98 courses taught with approximately 2,700 students graduating. Hunting accidents have declined in Louisiana and across the Nation stated Mr. Carpenter. Then a five minute video on the 1994 Hunter Education Youth Challenge held at Camp Beauregard was shown. There are two teams that ~~would be~~ representing Louisiana at the North American Youth Hunter Education Championship to be held in North Carolina this month. W: 11

A Report on Global Trends in Fisheries Management was given by Mr. Karl Turner. The Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board requested Mr. Turner attend this Conference in Seattle, Washington. The purpose of going was to make it clear commercial fishermen are very concerned about the future of the resources and enlightened fisheries management. Several topics covered at the Conference were: over-capacity in terms of fishing and size of fleets worldwide, lack of adequate data, capacity to enforce, lack of confidence in available information, lack of political will and ineffective monitoring. Mr. Turner then stated the last day of the Conference centered on limited entry, too few fish or too many fishermen. He then explained effort control, where it was used, the major forms of effort control, and the process toward effort control. Mr. Turner stated the Commission needed to work with the commercial fishermen ~~and~~ for limited entry to succeed, it must have the support of the commercial fishermen. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Turner if he could provide a copy of the Conference report to the members.

Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update for the month of June was provided by Ms. Wynnette Kees. During June, 29 cases were assessed for a value of \$26,167 and payment was received on 12 cases which totaled \$3,100. The clerical position has been filled and was now working with assessments and collections. Adjudications were received from the hearing officer on "no shows" from prior hearings and the proper method for notifying these people was the next step to be discussed with Department attorneys. Commissioner Jones asked about the adjudications and when would there be a meeting on the next process.

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 53 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 100 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 104 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 101 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 231 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 310 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 175 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 226 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 235 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 55 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 137 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 7 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,734.

Col. Vidrine informed the Commission of reports they have received on undersized black bass being taken from the Atchafalaya Basin. Over the past 30 days, there were 64 people charged with taking undersized black bass and another 16 people were charged for taking over the limit of black bass. A News Release was being put out weekly listing the names of ~~these~~ people charged in the Basin. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if equipment seized was returned within 30 days after final disposition of the charge?

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. Secretary Herring received a letter from the President of the Southern Louisiana Dog Hunters Association complimenting the Commission on the work done with dog and still hunting. Special compliments went out to Commissioner Jones and Chairman Schneider for their work especially in keeping the season the same for Area 6.

The Information and Education Division started a new project to go along with the News Releases. The project, geared for people to improve their own property or for schools to do, would be released at least once a month. Such projects are using Christmas trees for coastal erosion or fish projects or the Purple Martin Bird House. The Division also held a meeting with Louisiana Agriculture Center, Cooperative Extension Service, Louisiana Seagrass College and the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary program to sign an agreement for Marsh Maneuvers. A new program "Wild Woods Wonderly" dealing with hardwood management areas would be started this year. The Conservationist magazine came out with its calendar issue during June. Aquatic Education held 26 courses with 2,035 students; Project WILD held four courses with 75

students; Hunter Education held 12 courses with 380 students and Bow Hunter held seven courses with 140 students.

In the Fur and Refuge Division, alligator farmers were given 8,045 alligator tags for shipping purposes and issued 79 egg collector permits. Seventeen percent of the eggs hatched in the farms have to be returned to the wild and thus far this year, over 10,000 have been returned. The staff conducted 22 inspections on the shipment of alligator hides. Mr. Greg Linscombe, of the Division, Secretary Herring and other representatives met with Senator John Breaux to discuss the European fur trade market.

have — Ms. Julia Larke and Mr. Latimore Smith of the Natural Heritage Section ~~has~~ put out a new book called "Rare Plants of Pine-Hardwood Forests in Louisiana". This publication was the third produced by the Section this year.

The Wildlife Division hoped to start this year a new program of leasing farm land for public dove hunting. It was hoped, with the cooperation of different divisions in contacting farmers, the program would get off the ground. Also, two Wildlife Division employees and Commissioner Hanchey would be taking a trip to Canada during July for surveying waterfowl. Then he explained the reasons for the trip and the request to use the AeroCommander plane. The Forestry Section was killing vegetation on Attakapas Wildlife Management Area for future forest reproduction.

The Marine Fisheries Division conducted a tour of the state with the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service and Director for the Regional Office. They were able to see first hand some of the problems occurring in Louisiana. The Marine Lab was heavily used by research personnel from the Department and other agencies.

The Inland Fisheries Division put out a bid for renovation to the Beechwood Fish Hatchery. The renovation would include constructing 12 new ponds, doing electrical work for all the ponds, and replacing old drainage pipes. The bid was \$2,090,937, with 75 percent of the money coming from Federal Aid funds and the other 25 percent from the Conservation funds. Spanish Lake was drained as recommended by the Highway Department to reinforce the levee. Stockings that occurred were 27,500 Florida bass in Vernon Lake, 54,919 bass in Caney Lake, 10,000 Gulf strain striped bass in Indian Creek Reservoir. The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 3,418 acres of water hyacinths.

Commissioner Cormier asked Secretary Herring what type of progress was being made in having all the different divisions involved come together and agree on the way a rule was to be implemented before going to the Commission.

Commissioner Cormier made a motion the **November 1994 Meeting Date** be scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 1994 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich and passed with no opposition.

Chairman Schneider asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Russell Lantilet from the Bayou State Bowhunters Association wanted to go on record in thanking the Commissioners for all their effort and work done this year. He then explained other issues the Association was involved in with other agencies and gave each member a copy of their most recent Newsletter. Mr. Lantilet and Mr. Mike Calvin conducted a Bow Hunter Education class the weekend of July 8 and 9, 1994 and invited the Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Vujnovich asked Secretary Herring how much longer would the employees be in the New Orleans office and explained how unsafe he felt when he went to the office.

Commissioner Mialjevich asked, in studying the catfish, would it be possible to include studying all the species of catfish? Chairman Schneider stated all species could be included in the study.

Commissioner Cormier made a motion for the meeting to move into Executive Session to discuss **Claim for Underpayment of Royalty Owed by Justiss Oil Company Affecting State Agency Lease Nos. 6840, 6841, and 6842, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana**. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Mialjevich and passed with no opposition. Commissioner Jones requested he be excused from the Executive Session since he has associations with Justiss Oil Company. After their discussion, Commissioner Cormier made a motion the meeting be opened to the public and this was seconded by Commissioner Mialjevich. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Don Puckett to read the resolution. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the resolution as read and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with Commissioner Jones abstaining from voting.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

On motion of Joseph B. Cormier, seconded by Jerald Hanchey, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, an audit was performed on Justiss Oil Company, respecting royalty payments under State Agency Lease Nos. 6840, 6841, and 6842; and

WHEREAS, there are differences between Justiss Oil Company and the Commission respecting the amount of royalty due by Justiss Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has not been able to resolve and settle the outstanding audit issues with Justiss Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 31:137 et seq., demand has been placed on Justiss Oil Company.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Richard P. Ieyoub, Attorney General of the State of Louisiana is hereby requested and authorized to take all appropriate action, including the filing of suit on behalf of the Commission against Justiss Oil Company for collection of all royalty due, along with interest, penalty, and all other remedies prescribed by law.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones made a motion to **Adjourn** and was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair.

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

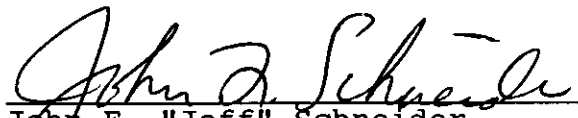
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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

RESOLUTION

The Commission resolves to direct the Department to re-check the scientific data on the Lac Des Allemands catfish and confirm with field observation in conjunction with relevant economic data and report back to the Commission by the December Meeting.


John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman, La. Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission


Joe L. Herring
Secretary, La. Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

July 7, 1994

Date

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to adopt the following rule regarding the minimum size limit on channel catfish in Lac des Allemands, Lake Salvador, Lake Cataouatche, Lake Maurepas, and the western portion of Lake Pontchartrain, and associated bayous and streams. The adoption of the final rule shall be contingent upon the availability of biological data from the Department and other sources which indicates that this reduction in the size limit would not be detrimental to the channel catfish resource.

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII.

Chapter 1.

Section . Channel Catfish -- Lac des Allemands, Lake Salvador, Lake Cataouatche, Lake Maurepas, and the western portion of Lake Pontchartrain, and associated bayous and streams.

The size limit on channel catfish, locally called the white, the eel cat, or the willow cat, taken or possessed for commercial purposes, shall be eight inches (8") minimum length with the mouth closed or six and one-half inches (6 1/2") with the collarbone off, in the following described area: That portion of southeastern Louisiana, containing Lac des Allemands, Lake Salvador, Lake Cataouatche, Lake Maurepas, the western portion of Lake Pontchartrain and associated bayous and streams, excluding the Mississippi River and Bayou Lafourche, herein described as: west and south of the west descending bank of the Mississippi River from the Gulf

of Mexico to the Huey P. Long Bridge; north and west of Highway 90 from Huey P. Long Bridge to Causeway Boulevard; west of Lake Pontchartrain Causeway from U.S. Highway 90 to Louisiana Highway 22; south and east of Louisiana Highway 22 to U.S. Highway 61 at Sorrento; north of U.S. 61 from Sorrento to Louisiana Highway 20; east of Louisiana Highway 20 to the east descending bank of Bayou Lafourche to Louisiana Highway 1 at Leeville; east and north of Louisiana Highway 1 from Leeville to the Gulf of Mexico; north of Gulf of Mexico from Grand Isle to the west descending bank of the Mississippi River.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:326.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R. 19:

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

RESOLUTION

The Commission hereby resolves to instruct the Department staff to conduct a study of all species of freshwater catfish to determine the appropriate size limit for each of these species if a 50% spawning maturity is used.

Chairman

Secretary

Date

Resolution That we voted on!

The Commission resolves to direct the Department to re-check the scientific data on the Des Allmonds channel cat and compare with field observations in conjunction with relevant economic data and report back to the Commission by the Dec Meeting.
Passed unanimously

RACING/OUTDOORS

Dove hunters get shorter season, increased limit

By **JOE MACALUSO**
Advocate outdoors writer

Louisiana dove hunters will have 10 fewer days afield, but will have increased bag limits in their three split seasons.

In setting the seasons and limits Thursday, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission changed the dove hunting format from 70 days with three splits and a 12-bird daily limit to 60 days with three splits and a 15-bird daily bag.

The LDWF staff will meet with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel later this month to decide on the hunting seasons and limits on ducks and geese. LDWF administrator Hugh Bateman said preliminary numbers show duck populations coming into Louisiana this fall could be up to 24 percent higher than last year.

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologist Dave Morrison told the commission that state waterfowl hunters have another chance to take advantage of the early fall flight teal with a special nine-day Sept. 17-25 season.

The announcement of the migratory bird limits also included 70-day seasons on rails and gallinules, a 107-day season on snipe and a 65-day limit on the taking of woodcock.

The LDWF's Wildlife Division staff came to the commission with both recommendations this year. Commission member Bert Jones said North Louisiana dove hunters prefer the shorter season and increased limit. He said he had statistics showing that 95 percent of state's dove hunters participated in "only three to four hunts a year and prefer to have more birds per day than more days."

The commission also finalized the state's hunting seasons for deer, squirrel, rabbit, quail and turkey.

Archery hunters benefited from a commission change when they received an additional nine days to their season in Area I, which includes all or parts of Madison, Franklin, Tensas, Catahoula, Concordia and Avoyelles parishes. This season will run from Oct. 1 through Jan. 31, 1995. The other seven areas will have an Oct. 1-Jan. 22, 1995 season. All other seasons remained the same as were proposed in March.

HUNTING SEASONS

□ Resident Game

Here are the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' 1994-95 hunting seasons for resident game birds and game quadrupeds passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Thursday.

Complete regulations for listed species will be listed in the permiot Louisiana Hunting Regulations, 1994-95 which will be published by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in August.

DEER — Dates vary by areas. Bag limit: one per day (1 antlerless and 1 antlered during either-sex seasons), six per season by all methods of hunting. Either sex (antlerless) seasons vary by individual areas.

Statewide: Archery, Area 1, Oct. 1, 1994-Jan. 31, 1995; all other areas Oct. 1, 1994-Jan. 22, 1995; Muzzleloaders, Dec. 3-9, 1994 in Areas 6, 7 & 8 and Dec. 5-9, 1994 in Areas 1, 2, 3 & 4; Dec. 5-9 (bucks only) in Area 5.

Area 1 — Nov. 19-Dec. 4, 1994 (still hunt only); Dec. 5-9, 1994 (still hunt, muzzleloader only); Dec. 10, 1994-Jan. 5, 1995 (with or without dogs); Jan. 6-16, 1995 (still hunt only).

Area 2 — Oct. 29-Dec. 4, 1994 (still hunt only); Dec. 5-9, 1994 (still hunt, muzzleloader only); Dec. 10, 1994-Jan. 5, 1995 (with or without dogs).

Area 3 — Oct. 29-Dec. 4, 1994 (still hunt only); Dec. 5-9, 1994 (still hunt, muzzleloader only); Dec. 10, 1994-Jan. 5, 1995 (still hunt only).

Area 4 — Nov. 19-Dec. 4, 1994 (still hunt only); Dec. 5-

9, 1994 (still hunt, muzzleloader only); Dec. 10, 1994-Jan. 5, 1995 (still hunt only).

Area 5 — Nov. 19-27, 1994 (still hunt only); Dec. 5-9, 1994 (still hunt, bucks only, muzzleloader only).

Area 6 — Nov. 19-Dec. 2, 1994 (still hunt only); Dec. 3-9, 1994 (still hunt, muzzleloader only); Dec. 10, 1994-Jan. 22, 1995 (with or without dogs).

Area 7 — Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 1994 (still hunt only); Nov. 19-27, 1994 (still hunting only); Dec. 3-9, 1994 (still hunt, muzzleloader only); Dec. 10, 1994-Jan. 22, 1995 (with or without dogs).

Area 8 — Nov. 19-Dec. 2, 1994 (still hunt only); Dec. 3-9, 1994 (still hunt, muzzleloader only); Dec. 10, 1994-Jan. 5, 1995 (with or without dogs); Jan. 6-22, 1995 (still hunt only).

QUAIL — Nov. 24, 1994-Feb. 28, 1995; daily bag limit 10, possession 20.

RABBIT — Oct. 1, 1994-Feb. 28, 1995; daily bag limit 8, possession 16.

SQUIRREL — Oct. 1, 1994-Jan. 29, 1995; daily bag limit 8, possession 16.

TURKEY — Dates vary by areas. Bag limit: one per day, three per season.

Area A — March 25-April 23, 1995;

Area B — March 18-April 23, 1995;

Area C — Closed;

Area D — April 8-23, 1995;

Area E — March 25-April 2, 1995.

□ Migratory Game

The tentative dates for the 1994-95 Louisiana Migratory Game Birds hunting seasons as approved by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Thursday and pending approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

MOURNING DOVES: 60 days, Sept. 3-11, Oct. 15-Nov. 6, Dec. 10-Jan. 6, 1995. Daily bag limit 15. Possession limit 30.

TEAL: 9 days, Sept. 17-25. Daily bag limit 4. Possession limit 8.

RAILS: 70 days, Sept. 17-25, Nov. 12-Jan. 11, 1995. Daily bag limit 15 in aggregate of king and clapper rails (possession limit 30), and daily bag and

possession limit 25 for sore and Virginia rails.

GALLINULES: 70 days, Sept. 17-25, Nov. 12-Jan. 11, 1995. Daily bag limit 15. Possession limit 30.

SNIPE: 107 days, Nov. 5-Feb. 19, 1995. Daily bag limit 8. Possession limit 16.

WOODCOCK: 65 days, Nov. 28-Jan. 31, 1995. Daily bag limit 5. Possession limit 10.

SHOOTING HOURS

Teal, rail, snipe, woodcock and gallinule is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Doves is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily except noon to sunset on Sept. 3-4, Oct. 15-16 and Dec. 10-11.

The LWFC also set the wild alligator season to run from Sept. 3-Oct. 2.

The seven-man LWFC also heard turkey study leader Danny Timmer's projections that 11,128 wild turkeys were taken this spring compared with a record 11,100 in 1993.

In other action, commission member Tee John Mialjevich's motion for a Notice of Intent to change the minimum size limit on Des Allemands catfish failed for the lack of a second.

Mialjevich's call for a task force to study the possibility of establishing limited-entry rules for the state's commercial fishery was unanimously passed.

Also voted in was a ban on the use of nets in Hardwater Lake and on any lake where water levels are being lowered.

The LWFC also raised the state's minimum size on red snapper to 14 inches.

The Capital City area-based Louisiana Bass Hatchery also donated \$5,000 to the LDWF for the purpose of obtaining federal matching funds to study the use of therapeutic drugs in state fish hatcheries.

Other announcements included the naming of Gretna's Jerry Bourg as the winner of the Louisiana Taxidermist's Associations Secretary Cup for his display of bluegills, and that the speckle-bellied goose is the subject of this year's state duck stamp contest.

LDWF Enforcement chief Winton Vidrine said 80 citations were written in June in the Atchafalaya Basin on violators taking over-the-limit or undersized bass.

The LWFC voted to hold its Nov. 3 meeting in Baton Rouge.

COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, July 7, 1994
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Jeff Schneider (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Bert Jones	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Perry Gisclair	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Tee John Mialjevich	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Joseph Cormier	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Jerald Hanchey	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Peter Vujnovich	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Herring is also present.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LA

July 7, 1994

10:00 AM

- ✓ 1. Roll Call
- ✓ 2. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 1994
- ✓ 3. Presentation of Secretary's Cup by the Louisiana Taxidermist Association - Howard Callahan
- ✓ 4. Aircraft Report - Lee Caubarreaux
- ✓ 5. Final Ratification of Hunting Seasons for 1994-95, Resident Game - Tommy Prickett
- ✓ 6. 1994 Turkey Hunting Season Report, Spring Nesting and Drawing for Shotguns - Danny Timmer
- ✓ 7. Recommendations for 1994-95 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates, Bag Limits for Doves, Snipe, Rails, Woodcock, Gallinules, and September Teal Season - Dave Morrison
- ✓ 8. Announcement of the 1994 Louisiana Duck Stamp Contest - Dave Morrison
- ✓ 9. Declaration of Emergency - Set Wild Alligator Harvest Season Dates - Johnnie Tarver
- ✓ 10. Discussion of Catfish in Lake Des Allemands, Possible Notice of Intent - Tee John Mialjevich
- ✓ 11. Report on Night Shrimping Ban in Vermilion Bay and 1994 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season - Brandt Savoie
- ✓ 12. Discussion of Limited Entry Study - Tee John Mialjevich
- ✓ 13. Ratification of Red Snapper Minimum Size Limit - Harry Blanchet
- ✓ 14. Louisiana Bass Hatchery, Inc. Contribution to Hatchery Therapeutics Clearance Project - Bennie Fontenot
- ✓ 15. Ratification of the Netting Prohibition, Hardwater Lake - Bennie Fontenot
- ✓ 16. Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - Net Ban During Lake Drawdown - Bennie Fontenot
- ✓ 17. Presentation on Hunter Safety - Bud Carpenter

- ✓18. Report on Global Trends in Fisheries Management Conference - Karl Turner
- ✓19. Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update - Wynnette Kees
- ✓20. Monthly Law Enforcement Report/June - Winton Vidrine
- ✓21. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe Herring
- ✓22. Set November 1994 Meeting Date
- ✓23. Public Comments
- ✓24. Claim for Underpayment of Royalty Owed by Justiss Oil Company Affecting State Agency Lease Nos. 6840, 6841 and 6842, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (Executive Session) - Don Puckett
25. Adjourn

State of Louisiana

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Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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June 17, 1994

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

William S. "Corky" Perret
Assistant Secretary

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Lee Caubarreux, Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Aviation Report - May 1994

Total hours listed are:

PILOT			TOTAL HOURS			
G. Rackle	-		37.7			
B. Stamey	-		17.7			
M. Windham	-		8.8			
D. Clause	-		40.5			
TOTAL HOURS	-		104.70			
-0- No Flights						
PLANE		FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED ¹ COST(TOTAL)	ACTUAL ² COST(TOTAL)	COMMISSION METHOD	
N61092	Amphib	- 28.5	3,338.21	2,866.27	5,955.08	
70365	Float-DC	- 40.5	3,735.32	1,908.37	5,311.17	
N2576K	Float-MW	- 10.9	1,401.41	1,082.37		
N9467Y	210	- 10.0	1,117.40	2,942.15	2,068.10	
N223MS	Partenavia	- 14.8	2,325.38	1,143.90	4,032.70	
N57266	Aero Commander	- 0.0				
TOTALS		104.70	11,917.72	9,943.06	17,367.05	

¹Estimated Cost is based on an historical average per flight hour.
²Actual Cost substitutes actual maintenance for the month for the average maintenance costs used in the previous figure. This is the only figure used in the calculation of estimated costs that varies significantly from month to month.

LGC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

MAY, 1994

PLANE: N223MS (PARTENAVIA)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/10/94	Stamey	BR→Marshall, TX→BR: F-03 project	3.3	B. Fontenot
05/11/94	Stamey	BR→Marshall, TX→BR: F-03 project	3.4	B. Fontenot
05/19/94	Stamey	BR→New Iberia→Coastal Zone→BR: Marsh Island & Raccoon Point photos	3.1	G. Linscombe N. Kinler
05/20/94	Stamey	BR→Rockefeller→DeRidder→BR: Boise-Wernon WMA & Rockefeller	5.0	T. Prickett B. Love J. Leslie
		TOTAL	14.8	

PLANE: N9467Y (210)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/04/94	Stamey	LFT→BR: return from maintenance	1.7	-----
05/12/94	Stamey	BR→HOUMA→COASTAL→BR: DNR permits	1.2	D. Watson, DNR
05/19/94	Rackle	BR→COASTAL→NO: DNR permits	1.2	R. Latapie, DNR
05/20/94	Rackle	NO→LFT→BR: maintenance	1.8	-----
05/27/94	Rackle	BR→COASTAL→ROCKEFELLER→BR: west La. fish kill investigations & meeting	4.1	C. Perret J. Herring
		TOTAL	10.0	

PLANE: N70365 (FLOAT-DC)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/04/94	Clause	NI→REG. 8→NI: enforcement	5.7	C. Pitre P. Drury
05/10/94	Clause	NI→REG. 8,9,6→NI: shrimp patrol	3.0	G. Adams R. Chauvin
05/11/94	Clause	NI→REG. 8,9,6→NI: shrimp patrol	3.0	G. Adams R. Chauvin
05/12/94	Clause	NI→REG. 8,9,6→NI: shrimp patrol	3.0	G. Adams R. Chauvin
05/13/94	Clause	NI→REG. 8,9,6→NI: shrimp patrol	3.0	G. Adams D. Guidry
05/14/94	Clause	NI→REG. 8,9,6→NI: shrimp patrol	2.7	G. Adams D. Folse
05/15/94	Clause	NI→REG. 8,9,6→NI: shrimp patrol	4.0	S. Dares
05/16/94	Clause	NI→REG. 8,9,6→NI: shrimp patrol	4.4	G. Adams
05/26/94	Clause	NI→REG. 8→NI: shrimp patrol	2.0	P. Drury B. Clark C. Strain

05/27/94	Clause	NI-REG. 8-NI: shrimp patrol	2.0	P. Drury B. Clark
05/28/94	Clause	NI-REG. 8-NI: shrimp patrol	2.0	P. Drury
05/29/94	Clause	NI-REG. 8-NI: shrimp patrol	3.0	G. Gremillion
05/30/94	Clause	NI-REG. 8-NI: shrimp patrol	2.7	G. Gremillion
		TOTAL	40.5	

PLANE: N61092 (AMPHIB)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/13/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL: DNR permits	1.3	T. Killeen, DNR
05/13/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-NO: fish kill investigation	4.7	-----
05/16/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-NO: shrimp season opening assessment	6.1	C. Perret J. Roussel
05/23/94	Rackle	NO-ROCKEFELLER-COASTAL-NO: pelican survey & Pass-a-Loutre fish sampling	5.0	G. Perry T. Hess
05/24/94	Rackle	NO-HOUMA-NO: DNR permits	1.1	D. Watson, DNR
05/24/94	Rackle	NO-PASS-A-LOUTRE-COASTAL-ROCKEFELLER-NO: molted duck survey	7.1	T. Hess G. Perry
05/30/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-NO: shrimp season opening assessment	3.20	C. Perret J. Roussel J. Burdon
		TOTAL	28.5	

PLANE: N2576K (FLOAT-MW)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/05/94	Windham	NO-POINTE-AU-CHIEN & ATCH. DELTA-NO: review mineral activities & management projects	4.4	-----
05/17/94	Rackle	NO-HOUMA-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	2.1	D. Watson J. Harris
05/20/94	Windham	NO-SALVADOR WMA-NO: Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion proj.	2.3	P. Bowman
05/23/94	Windham	NO-PASS-A-LOUTRE WMA-NO: Freeport McMoran-develop reservoir mgt. plan	2.1	-----
		TOTAL	10.9	

PLANE: N25766 (AERO COMMANDER)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
		no flights		

1994
LOUISIANA STATE TURKEY REPORT

Trapping

During the 1994 turkey trapping season, which runs from mid-January to early March, department personnel trapped 190 turkeys. An additional 37 turkeys were received from out-of-state, of which 17 came from Connecticut, 15 from Alabama, and 5 from Arkansas. Eight new releases was started with six being completed and the remaining two releases being scheduled for completion in 1995.

Our turkey trapping started off with some early success. We had no trouble catching gobblers but as the time progressed, hens seemed to disappear. With the lack of turkey hens being captured, we were not able to start additional releases.

The future looks bright in Louisiana with the turkey trapping and restoration coming to a close. Even though we still have a few releases scheduled for 1995, the end is close. The major habitats will all have releases of wild turkeys shortly, but as everyone knows some releases will pop-up each year. Target 2000 will be achieved.

Turkey Harvest

Turkey harvest is monitored in Louisiana by two methods. One is by a Big Game Survey which is mailed out to licensed hunters during the month of February, and by voluntary check stations. The Big Game Harvest for the 1993 spring turkey season indicated 22,300 turkeys hunters spent 147,300 days hunting and harvested 11,100 turkeys. This indicates a record harvest for Louisiana. The projected harvest for the just completed 1994 spring turkey season is 11,016 turkeys. The voluntary check stations over the past 4 years has indicated that 10-15% of the total harvest will be checked at these stations.

SUMMARY 1982-1994

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NO. TURKEY REPORTED (%)</u>	<u>NO. HUNTERS</u>	<u>BIG GAME HARVEST SURVEY</u>
1982	--	15,700	5,700
1983	--	17,600	7,800
1984	--	15,600	7,800
1985	--	19,700	6,500
1986	--	16,100	6,100
1987	--	16,300	10,100
1988	--	-----	-----
1989	--	-----	-----
1990	1520 (15%)	21,200	10,133
1991	1317 (15.1%)	19,000	8,722
1992	1013 (10.2%)	21,900	9,900
1993	1101 (10%)	22,200	11,100
1994	1391 (12.5% EST.)	-----	11,128 (Est.)

Harvest on the states wildlife management areas show an increase in both hunter efforts and harvest. Some areas of interest are:

<u>WMA</u>	<u>NO. HUNTING DAYS ON AREA</u>	<u>HARVEST</u>
Three Rivers/Red Rivers	9	130
Jackson Bienville	16	17
Bodcau	16	42
Ben's Creek	37	29
Grassy Lake	9	19
Pomme de Terre	9	9

Research

Two research proposal are being prepared for Louisiana. One will be carried out in Southeast Louisiana and funded by private donations. The second proposal will be done on Kisatchie National Forest on the Winn Ranger District. This will be a joint effort between the U. S. Forest Service and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. The goals simply put will be to try to determine effect of growing season burns on nesting turkeys and to evaluate nesting habitat perferance. This will allow our department and the U.S. Forest Service to write summer burning plans, so the least amount of damage will be done to nesting turkeys on Kisatchie National Forest.

U. S. Forest Service Projects

Six ranger districts initiated wildlife projects on their respective areas. Under a challenge-grant agreement the Louisiana Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation and the U. S. Forest Service each contributed \$2,500.00 each for the six ranger district with the Kisatchie National Forest. Projects include supplemental plantings, walk-in areas being established and co-operative signs being placed throughout each district.

Poult Survey

For the first time, Louisiana will begin a statewide poult survey beginning July 1, 1994 and running through August 31, 1994. Hopefully, after several years, trends can be established to help with season setting and turkey harvest forecast.

1994 REPORTED TURKEY HARVEST BY DISTRICTS

DISTRICT I - MINDEN

PARISH	TOTAL HARVEST	ADULTS (%)	JUVENILE (%)
Caddo	0	0	0
Bossier	14	9 (64%)	5 (36%)
Webster	56	36 (64%)	20 (36%)
DeSoto	1	1 (100%)	0
Red River	0	0	0
Bienville	59	36 (61%)	23 (39%)
Claiborne	19	14 (73%)	5 (27%)
TOTAL	149	96 (64%)	53 (36%)

DISTRICT II - MONROE

PARISH	TOTAL HARVEST	ADULTS (%)	JUVENILE (%)
E. Carroll	29	29 (100%)	0
Lincoln	27	17 (62%)	10 (38%)
Union	7	6 (85%)	1 (15%)
TOTAL	63	52 (82%)	11 (18%)

DISTRICT III - ALEXANDRIA

PARISH	TOTAL HARVEST	ADULTS (%)	JUVENILE (%)
Grant	37	33 (89%)	4 (11%)
Natchitoches	32	30 (94%)	2 (6%)
Rapides	28	21 (75%)	7 (25%)
Sabine	0	0	0
Vernon	41	29 (71%)	12 (29%)
TOTAL	138	113 (82%)	25 (18%)

DISTRICT IV - FERRIDAY

PARISH	TOTAL HARVEST	ADULTS (%)	JUVENILE (%)
Caldwell	13	12 (92%)	1 (8%)
Concordia	71	49 (69%)	22 (31%)
Franklin	5	5 (100%)	0
LaSalle	7	7 (100%)	0
Madison	13	13 (100%)	0
Tensas	28	24 (86%)	4 (14%)
TOTAL	137	110 (80%)	27 (20%)

DISTRICT V - LAKE CHARLES

PARISH	TOTAL HARVEST	ADULTS (%)	JUVENILE (%)
Allen	2	2 (100%)	0
Beauregard	9	9 (100%)	0
TOTAL	11	11 (100%)	0

DISTRICT VI - OPELOUSAS

PARISH	TOTAL HARVEST	ADULTS (%)	JUVENILE (%)
Avoyelles	79	54 (68%)	25 (32%)
Iberville	72	68 (94%)	4 (6%)
Point Coupee	47	42 (89%)	5 (11%)
St. Landry	25	16 (64%)	9 (36%)
St. Martin	36	32 (89%)	4 (11%)
W. Baton Rouge	77	68 (88%)	9 (12%)
TOTAL	336	280 (83%)	56 (17%)

DISTRICT VII - BATON ROUGE

PARISH	TOTAL HARVEST	ADULTS (%)	JUVENILE (%)
E. Baton Rouge	34	30 (88%)	4 (12%)
E. Feliciana	48	44 (91%)	4 (9%)
W. Feliciana	94	79 (84%)	15 (6%)
Livingston	82	63 (77%)	19 (23%)
St. Helena	83	81 (97%)	2 (3%)
St. Tammany	31	25 (81%)	6 (19%)
Tangipahoa	48	33 (69%)	15 (31%)
Washington	137	99 (72%)	38 (28%)
TOTAL	557	454 (82%)	103 (18%)

STATEWIDE TOTALS

<u>TOTAL HARVEST</u>	<u>ADULTS (%)</u>	<u>JUVENILES (%)</u>
1391	1146 (82%)	275 (18%)

REPORTED SPRING TURKEY HARVEST (VOLUNTARY)

PARISH	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
ALLEN	7	1	3	0	1	5	2
ASCENSION	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
ASSUMPTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AVOUELLES	0	0	14	46	20	39	79
BEAUREGARD	18	13	12	5	6	1	9
BIENVILLE	25	21	15	11	20	31	59
BOSSIER	0	2	3	83	45	18	14
CADDO	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
CALCASIEU	6	7	1	5	3	7	0
CALDWELL	8	8	21	5	1	6	13
CATAHOULA	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
CLAIBORNE	9	7	22	27	32	35	19
CONCORDIA	0	0	1	0	44	86	71
DESOTO	0	0	0	1	4	3	1
E. BATON ROUGE	26	28	32	4	5	11	34
E. CARROLL	40	71	33	35	19	29	29
E. FELICIANA	165	120	86	52	15	28	48
EVANGELINE	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
FRANKLIN	8	1	1	1	3	2	5
GRANT	28	32	16	41	25	21	37
IBERVILLE	32	66	45	46	55	29	72
JACKSON	8	9	4	4	1	5	0
JEFF DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LASALLE	6	4	4	4	2	2	7
LINCOLN	0	2	1	2	0	31	27
LIVINGSTON	42	190	165	69	68	35	82
MADISON	28	37	25	29	20	18	13
NATCHITOCES	35	17	34	35	35	28	32
OUACHITA	6	4	5	1	0	0	0
POINT COUPEE	27	29	37	27	24	43	47
RAPIDES	101	88	55	44	28	22	28
RED RIVER	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
RICHLAND	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
SABINE	5	2	9	2	1	2	0
ST. HELENA	228	163	158	116	92	72	83
ST. LANDRY	26	34	30	10	10	18	25
ST. MARTIN	8	2	12	17	21	21	36
ST. TAMMANY	42	62	25	40	37	22	31
TANGIPAHOA	94	104	74	62	65	36	48
TENSAS	21	75	44	43	26	47	28
UNION						11	7
VERNON	110	103	72	81	46	91	41
WASHINGTON	120	129	134	138	86	125	137
WEBSTER	0	0	0	21	11	5	56
W. BATON ROUGE	89	86	89	60	34	38	77
W. FELICIANA	140	213	231	148	105	102	94
WINN	4	4	2	1	2	0	0
TOTALS	1514	1720	1520	1317	1013	1127	1391

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 7, 1994

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 7, 1994


WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

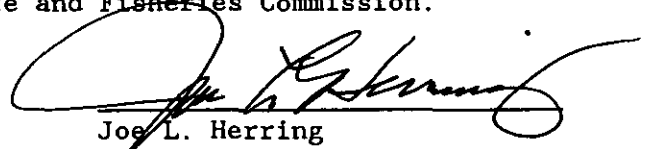
WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.


John F. "Jeff" Schneider, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission


Joe L. Herring
Secretary, La. Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

RULE
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1994 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1994-August 31, 1995. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A synopsis of season dates is attached and made part of this rule along with the complete copy of the regulations.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000.

CITATION: None - changes annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1994).

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
(Shooting hours - one-half hour
before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 24-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 1-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 1-Jan. 29	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	<u>NEW</u> 1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (By all methods)
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	STILL HUNT	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1-Jan. 22 31	Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Jan. 6-Jan. 16	Dec. 5-Dec. 9	Dec. 10-Jan. 5
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TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	Mar. 25-Apr. 23
B	Mar. 18-Apr. 23
D	Apr. 8-Apr. 23
E	Mar. 25-Apr. 2

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

June 2, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-
Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of
Fisheries

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary *JLH*

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - July 7, 1994

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Thursday, June 16, 1994 any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, July 7th Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on July 7th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JLH/sch

cc: Commissioners
Don Puckett
Bob Dennie
Winton Vidrine
Hugh Bateman
Johnnie Tarver
Bennie Fontenot
John Roussel
Wynnette Kees
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*Wild Alligator Harvest Season dates
set = EMERGENCY*

6-14-94
[Signature]

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John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(Shooting hours - one-half hour
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Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
JULY 7, 1994

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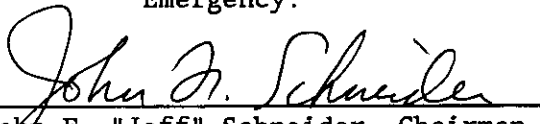
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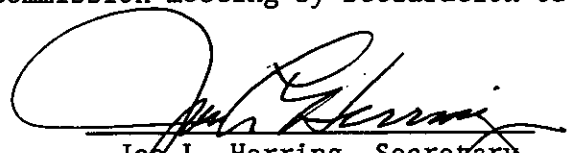
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WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that provided no significant changes occur, these tentative seasons will be adopted as the permanent seasons for these migratory species at the August Commission meeting by Declaration of Emergency.


John F. "Jeff" Schneider, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and
Fisheries Commission


Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS
1994-95 Hunting Seasons
FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days (Division's Recommendation)

September 3 (Sat.)-11(Sun)	9 days
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Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24	

OR

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June 30, 1994

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Dave Morrison, Programs Manager

SUBJECT: Early Migratory Bird Season Recommendations

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As in the past these dates will be established tentatively at the July Commission meeting with formal adoption in August meeting.

cc: Joe L. Herring
Lee Caubarreux
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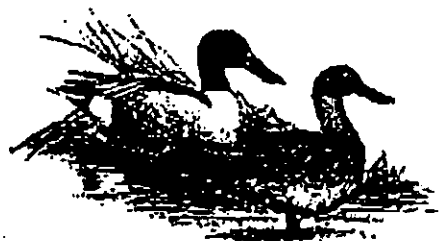
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TRENDS IN DUCK BREEDING POPULATIONS, 1955-94

J. A. Dubovsky, D.F. Caithamer, C.T. Moore, G.W. Smith, P.D. Keywood, and J.P. Bladen

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Migratory Bird Management
Laurel, MDAdministrative Report^a - July 5, 1994

ABSTRACT: Breeding population estimates (in thousands, from strata 1-50 and 75-77) for 10 species of ducks in 1994 and percent changes from 1993 and long-term averages.

Species	1994 estimate	Change from 1993		Change from 1955-93 average	
		Percent	P	Percent	P
Mallard ✓	6980	+22	<0.001	+1	0.869
Gadwall	2318	+32	0.002	+80	<0.001
American wigeon	2382	+16	0.053	-6	0.251
Green-winged teal ✓	2108	+21	0.029	+30	0.002
Blue-winged teal ✓	4616	+45	<0.001	+14	0.027
Northern shoveler	2912	+42	<0.001	+66	<0.001
Northern pintail ✓	2972	+45	<0.001	-31	<0.001
Redhead	653	+35	0.049	+16	0.189
Canvasback	526	+11	0.585	+1	0.949
Scaup Scaup	4528	+11	0.207	-16	0.001
Total dabblers and divers ^b	32523	+24	<0.001	+5	0.011

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^bExcludes scoters, eiders, oldsquaws and mergansers.

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is vitally important for Department staff to understand what our migratory duck population is going to be.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission wants the AeroCommander to be made available to Department staff for the Canada waterfowl trip.

Chairman



Secretary

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

1994 ALLIGATOR SEASON

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S.49:953(B), and the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular monthly meeting held 7 July 1994 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana does hereby set the 1994 wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be 3 September through 2 October, 1994.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to close, delay, reopen, or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

RESOLUTION

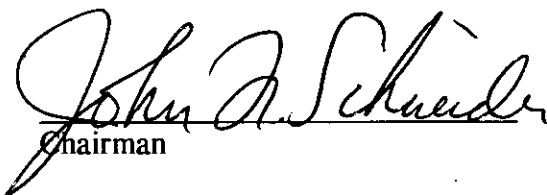
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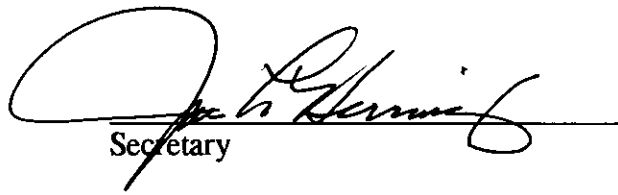
WHEREAS, Limited entry may also be necessary to maintain commercial fishing as a viable economic industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby refer this matter to the Limited Entry Committee to study a feasible approach to the establishment of some form of limited entry in this State including, but not limited to, restricting the sale of commercial gear and vessel licenses to those currently holding such licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Limited Entry Committee shall solicit advice and recommendations from the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Fisheries and his staff, the Department's General Counsel and the LSU Seagrass Legal Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the appropriate time, the Limited Entry Committee shall make a recommendation to the Commission.


Chairman


Secretary

July 7, 1994

Date

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

RESOLUTION

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ^{*special Limited Entry*} Finfish Committee shall solicit advice and recommendations from the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Fisheries and his staff, the Department's General Counsel and the LSU Seagrant Legal Office.

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Chairman

Secretary

Date

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend LAC 76:VII.335 raising the minimum size limit for red snapper, which is part of the existing rule for daily take, possession, and size limits for reef fishes set by the Commission. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3.

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§335. Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission,
Reef Fish

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G.	<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size Limits</u>
1.	Red Snapper	14 inches total length

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1992) and LR 20:

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following rule to prohibit the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in Hardwater Lake located in Grant Parish

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§171. Netting Prohibition - Hardwater Lake

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines in Hardwater Lake located in Grant Parish.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20:

John F. "Jeff" Schneider

Chairman

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:22(B), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in order to protect fish populations in freshwater impoundments during water drawdown periods, does hereby enact the following rule:

All freshwater impoundments shall be closed to use of commercial fish netting during water drawdown periods, unless otherwise specified by the Department based upon biological and technical data; the closure to begin on the date the drawdown control structure is opened and continued until the lake returns to full pool following closure of the structure.

Emergency action is necessary to provide immediate protection to fish populations in impoundments that are presently, or soon will be in the drawdown condition.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to establish a Rule prohibiting netting in lakes during water drawdown periods.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§175. Net Ban During Lake Drawdown

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20:

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 PM, Thursday, September 1, 1994.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR NO. CASES		AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN
			SALE GOODS	PAID		
July, 1992	105	26,553	(10,515)	103	5,578	
Aug, 1992	137	26,153	(3,241)	95	5,292	
Sept, 1992	214	34,341	(3,245)	82	6,186	
Oct, 1992	346	238,388	(19,670)	119	8,310	292
Nov, 1992	34	17,264		220	11,744	4,651
Dec, 1992	122	76,371	(7,012)	97	5,042	1,275
Jan, 1993	77	35,470	(979)	75	7,389	3,799
Feb, 1993	40	10,787		81	13,141	6,941
March, 1993	37	15,552	(1,876)	60	13,479	5,848
April, 1993	24	8,418	(10,809)	31	5,000	2,379
May, 1993	21	16,063	(1,599)	39	5,704	2,381
June, 1993	40	23,637	(7,454)	27	8,356	4,077
Total FY 93	1,197	528,997	(66,400)	1,029	95,221	31,643
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545
August, 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048
October, 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845
Dec., 1993	53	13,777	0	27	6,507	6,713
Jan., 1994	38	18,918	0	32	4,423	2,831
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993
March, 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214
Total FY 94	476	425,242	(68,670)	379	71,474	45,547

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-JUL-1994

CURRENT MONTH
06/01/1994 TO 06/30/1994FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1993 TO 06/30/1994INCEPTION TO DATE
06/30/1994ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
29	\$26,167.16	482	\$559,669.23	2,015	\$1,280,914.12
4	\$2,986.37-	80	\$89,402.72-	298	\$247,656.10-
3	\$1,204.17	32	\$25,909.41	132	\$60,635.87

RESTITUTION ASSESSED

29	\$24,384.96	482	\$496,175.92	2,015	\$1,093,893.89
PAYMENTS					
OVERPAYMENTS	12	342	\$72,375.93-	1,279	\$175,203.39-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	0	16	\$45.99	30	\$203.00
REFUNDS	8	307	\$46,169.72-	657	\$79,593.45-
REMUNERATION REFUNDS	0	8	\$3,408.89	10	\$3,801.69
RETURNED CHECKS	2	2	\$4,735.50	4	\$11,774.35
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	0	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.80
DEBITS	0	0	\$0.00	1	\$15.00
CREDITS	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
DEBITS	0	3	\$214.75	12	\$3,001.34
CREDITS	2	6	\$2,174.00-	35	\$10,062.80-
ADJUST VIOLATION					
DEBITS	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	149	\$264,964.63-	181	\$269,050.54-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	2	\$466.42-	4	\$586.70-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$97.80-
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING				505	\$578,095.39

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR

1	\$297.54	6	\$1,397.54	32	\$10,560.13
	\$74.38		\$349.38		\$2,640.03

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
CAN NOT BE INVOICED

1 - 30 DAYS	14	\$10,262.03
31 - 60 DAYS	9	\$915.11
61 - 90 DAYS	8	\$3,370.78
91 - 120 DAYS	7	\$34,179.34
121 - 150 DAYS	10	\$7,508.50
151 - 180 DAYS	17	\$10,849.28
181 - 365 DAYS	12	\$6,783.58
CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	315	\$354,863.90
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	113	\$149,362.87

** TOTAL AGING 505 \$578,095.39

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-JUL-1994

CURRENT MONTH 06/01/1994 TO 06/30/1994		FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1993 TO 06/30/1994		INCEPTION TO DATE 06/30/1994	
# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES					
HEARING COSTS					
DEBITS					
CREDITS					
928	\$47,535.00	7,754	\$398,625.00	33,238	\$1,683,397.07
73	\$1,825.00	1,946	\$48,650.00	7,535	\$188,380.00
0	\$0.00	2	\$400.00-	2	\$675.00-

TOTAL DUE	\$49,360.00		\$446,875.00		\$1,871,102.07

PAYD IN FULL	425	\$21,285.10-	4,015	\$210,354.85-	16,705	\$853,172.50-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	9	\$424.25-	147	\$7,148.87-	408	\$17,639.26-
OVERPAYMENTS	4	\$145.10	53	\$7,368.10	207	\$12,049.68
REFUNDS	2	\$100.00	26	\$1,359.50	41	\$2,458.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	7	\$350.00	19	\$950.00
MISC CHANGES						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	7	\$110.00	19	\$290.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.75-	21	\$30.13-	79	\$85.40-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION						
DEBITS	1	\$50.00	25	\$1,400.00	46	\$2,550.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	2	\$200.00-	5	\$250.00-
VOIDS	72	\$3,350.00-	444	\$13,379.25-	1,500	\$59,286.63-
NOT GUILTY	0	\$0.00	132	\$6,350.00-	277	\$13,775.00-

TOTAL OUTSTANDING						\$945,190.96

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM CITATION DATE

0 - 30 DAYS	489	\$25,115.00
31 - 60 DAYS	641	\$33,380.00
61 - 90 DAYS	504	\$26,510.00
91 - 120 DAYS	410	\$21,570.00
121 - 150 DAYS	309	\$17,350.50
151 - 180 DAYS	121	\$8,155.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,298	\$91,255.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	11,191	\$721,905.46

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM HEARING DATE

PRE HEARING	2,285	\$118,950.50
0 - 90 DAYS	1,640	\$82,050.00
91 - 180 DAYS	635	\$42,105.00
181 - 270 DAYS	275	\$18,196.50
271 - 365 DAYS	1,966	\$139,152.50
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	8,162	\$544,786.46

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JUNE 1994

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-JUNE 1994

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-53

ENFORCEMENT- 53

OTHER - 0

23-Boating

6-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

14-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

4-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

3 black bass

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:

23-Boating

28-Fishing

2-Misc.

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-100

ENFORCEMENT-100

OTHER - 0

55-Boating

21-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

5-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

3-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

1-Possession Of Live Non-Game Quadrupeds W/O Permit

1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

5-Littering

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Driving Without Operators License

CONFISCATIONS:

44 bass, 9.9 Hp. Johnson Motor, Monarch Bass Boat, 115 Johnson Hp. Motor

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

55-Boating

35-Fishing

10-Misc.

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REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-104

ENFORCEMENT-101

OTHER - 3

35-Boating

45-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

2-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

6-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season

1-Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit

3-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

1-Criminal Damage Of State Property

2-Littering

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

2-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

7 alligators, 1 deer, 1 buffalo fish, 73 undersize catfish, 3 black bass

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

35-Boating

58-Fishing

11-Other

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REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-101

ENFORCEMENT-101

OTHER - 0

36-Boating

23-Angling W/O A License

20-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

12-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

3-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations of Comm.

2-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

1-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

CONFISCATIONS:

57 crappie, 31 spoonbill catfish

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

36-Boating

63-Fishing

2-Misc.

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-231

ENFORCEMENT-212

OTHER - 19

95-Boating

30-Angling W/O A License

9-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

3-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Not Abiding by Commission Rules And Regulations

2-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

5-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

2-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

2-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Fail To Mark Crab Containers

1-Theft Of Crab Trap

2-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

2-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit And Report Rules

1-Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs

1-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board

1-Use Oversize Butterfly Net Or Skimmers

3-Sabine Lake (Crabbing)

REGION 5 CONT'D.

2-Illegal Poss. Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

14-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

1-Resisting An Officer

1-Criminal Damage Of State Property

37-Littering

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Flight From An Officer

1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

41 lbs. of catfish, 18 crab traps, 10 hoop nets, 5 baskets, 3 trawls, 2 alligators, 1 ice chest, 1 king mackerel,

1 shark, 1,100 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$509.90

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

95-Boating

85-Fishing

51-Other

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-310

ENFORCEMENT-300

OTHER - 10

136-Boating

70-Angling W/O A License

5-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

20-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

4-Taking/Possessing Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

53-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

3-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

1-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Leave Nets Unattended

3-Set Crab Traps In Nav. Channels Or Entrance To Streams

1-Use Oversize Butterfly Net Or Skimmers

4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

1-Littering

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

2-License Fraud

CONFISCATIONS:

2 skimmer nets, 5 redfish, 2 fishing licenses, 60 sac-a-lait, 1-100' gill net, 275 black bass

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

136-Boating

169-Fishing

5-Misc.

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-175

ENFORCEMENT-163

OTHER - 12

82-Boating

36-Angling W/O A License

3-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

12-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

1-Transport W/O Required License

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

19-Sell Undersize Crabs

1-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name And Address

1-Possess Firearms While Frogging

2-Selling Alligator Meat Illegally

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

1-Resisting An Officer

3-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

4-Littering

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Flight From An Officer

1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

CONFISCATIONS:

1-5' alligator, 2 guns, 1 boat, 1 jet ski, 1 motor, 1 trailer, 6,000 lbs. of crabs, 28 lbs. of shrimp

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REGION 7 CONT'D

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

82-Boating

77-Fishing

4-Hunting

12-Other

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-226

ENFORCEMENT-183

OTHER - 43

28-Boating

30-Angling W/O A License

3-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

3-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

4-Use Illegal Bait Seines

3-Possess Over Limit of Red Drum

1-Possess Over Limit Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27"

7-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum 16" Minimum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

3-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs.

8-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.

14-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

9-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

3-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

7-Leave Nets Unattended

7-Take/Poss. Undersize Comm. Finfish

4-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

5-Fail To Comply With Quota Closure Spotted Sea Trout

REGION 8 CONT'D.

2-Use Illegal Length Gill Nets - Saltwater

3-Use Illegal Length-Mesh Seine - Saltwater

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

1-Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum

2-Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs

2-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit And Report Rules

3-Poss. Red Drum Illegally

42-Trawling In Closed Season

2-Butterflying In Closed Season

1-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear

1-Use Oversize Butterfly Net Or Skimmers

1-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For Ninety (90) Days

1-Breton And Chandeleur Islands (Illegal Fishing)

2-Lake Catherine And Lake Ponchartrain (Illegal Fishing)

1-Taking Or Possession Of Non-Game Birds

5-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

2-Resisting An Officer

5-Littering

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

2-27' aluminum flat boats, 2-70 hp. outboard motors, 1 vessel/gear license, 18 trawls, 28 gill nets for a total of 13,500 feet, 6,076 lbs. of undersize amberjack donated, 74 whole fish donated, 1,789 eel catfish held for evidence, 3 red fish held for evidence, 509 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$662.25, 128 lbs. of fish sold for \$108.80.

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REGION 8 CONT'D

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

28-Boating

56-Sport Fishing

76-Commercial Fishing

46-Trawling

1-Oyster

3-Closed Area

1-Non-Migratory Bird

5-Wildlife Management Areas

10-Misc.

REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-235

ENFORCEMENT-225

OTHER - 10

87-Boating

29-Angling W/O A License

6-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

6-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

3-Angling W/O Saltwater License

3-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

8-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

2-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

4-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

2-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

7-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

5-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Take/Possess Undersize Cml. Finfish

2-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

5-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

3-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents

5-Fail To Mark Crab Containers

1-Fail To Mark Softshell Crab Container Or Improper Molting Stage

3-Theft Of Crab Trap

REGION 9 CONT'D.

14-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

15-Sell Undersize Crabs

4-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear

11-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

2-Littering

1-Flight From Officer

CONFISCATIONS:

13,858 lbs. of crabs, 1 box of buster crabs, 9 speckle trout, 6 red drum, 19 black bass, 5,574 lbs. of undersize greater amberjack donated, 115 lbs. shrimp sold for \$248.50, 30 lbs. of shrimp released, 60 catfish sold for \$21.20, 78 catfish donated, 225 crab tags, 1 truck, 18 crab traps, 4 skimmer nets, 5 butterfly nets

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

87-Boating

129-Fishing

4-Trawling

11-WMA

4-Misc.

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-55

1-Angling Without A License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

3-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Leave Nets Unattended

4-Blocking Passage Of Fish

2-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

3-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

3-Theft Of Crab Trap

1-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

12-Sell Undersize Crabs

2-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear

1-Trawling, Seining Or Skimming On Oyster Lease

1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly

1-Failure To Hold Oysters Tags For Ninety (90) Days

1-Littering

3-Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish

1-Fail To Keep Federally Controlled Fish Intact

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OYSTER STRIKE FORCE CONT'D

2-Take Federal Controlled Fish In Closed Season

1-Pollution Of State Waters

CONFISCATIONS:

**66 sacks of oysters, 18,000 lbs. of crabs, 16 crab traps, 150' of gill net, 3 vessels and gear, 37 lbs. of shrimp,
2 red drum, 6 red snapper, 1 gag grouper, 4 mangrove snapper, 4 shark fillets, 1 butterfly net**

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-137

36-Boating

11-Angling W/O A License

3-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

2-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

1-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally

7-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

7-Not Abiding By Commission Rules & Regulations

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

3-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

2-Fail To Maintain Records

4-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Licensed Fisherman

4-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

2-Fail To Have Commercial Fish Intact

1-Fail To Mark Crab Containers

1-Fail To Comply With Quota Closure Spotted Sea Trout

1-Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.

1-Theft Of Crab Trap

26-Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs

1-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit And Report Rules

1-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board

4-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear

5-Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish

5-Fail To Keep Federally Controlled Fish Intact

CONFISCATIONS:

12,024 lbs. of greater amberjack, 8,600 lbs. of undersize crabs, 153 lbs. of speckled trout, 380 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$258.00, 300 lbs. of catfish, 28 black bass, 30 lbs. of mangrove snapper sold for \$35.00, 36 lbs. of blacktip shark sold for \$15.00, 10 lbs. of black drum sold for \$10.00, 6 lbs. of trigger fish sold for \$8.00, 15 lbs. of cobia, 12 berry crabs, 4 trawls, 2 commercial licenses, 1 outboard motor, 1 boat

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE:

36-Boating

101-Fishing

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S.W.E.P.

21-BOATS CHECKED

67-RUNNING HOURS

TOTAL CASES- 7

1-Boating

2-Angling W/O A License

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

2-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License


CONFISCATIONS:

4-50' trawls, 7,000' of gill nets

<u>TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-</u>	1438
<u>TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. -</u>	97
<u>TOTAL CASES OSFORCE -</u>	55
<u>TOTAL CASES SSFORCE -</u>	137
<u>TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. -</u>	7
<u>GRAND TOTAL -</u>	1734

NOVEMBER 1994

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- 3rd NEW MOON
- 10th FIRST QUARTER
- 18th FULL BEAVER MOON
- ☾ 26th LAST QUARTER

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Richard P. Ieyoub, Attorney General of the State of Louisiana is hereby requested and authorized to take all appropriate action, including the filing of suit on behalf of the Commission against Justiss Oil Company for collection of all royalty due, along with interest, penalty, and all other remedies prescribed by law.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission held in the City of Baton Rouge, on the 7th day of July, 1994, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Commission and is now in full force and effect.


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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§335. Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission,
Reef Fish

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G. Species

1. Red Snapper

Minimum Size Limits

14 inches total length

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1/98

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1992) and LR 20:

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
Chairman

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
July 7, 1994
10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 1994
3. Presentation of Secretary's Cup by the Louisiana Taxidermist Association - Howard Callahan
4. Aircraft Report - Lee Caubarreux
5. Final Ratification of Hunting Seasons for 1994-95, Resident Game - Tommy Prickett
6. 1994 Turkey Hunting Season Report, Spring Nesting and Drawing for Shotguns - Danny Timmer
7. Recommendations for 1994-95 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates, Bag Limits for Doves, Snipe, Rails, Woodcock, Gallinules, and September Teal Season - Dave Morrison
8. Announcement of the 1994 Louisiana Duck Stamp Contest - Dave Morrison
9. Declaration of Emergency - Set Wild Alligator Harvest Season Dates - Johnnie Tarver
- 4 10. Discussion of Catfish in Lake Des Allemands, Possible Notice of Intent - Tee John Mialjevich
11. Report on Night Shrimping Ban in Vermilion Bay and 1994 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season - Brandt Savoie
12. Discussion of Limited Entry Study - Tee John Mialjevich
13. Ratification of Red Snapper Minimum Size Limit - Harry Blanchet
14. Louisiana Bass Hatchery, Inc. Contribution to Hatchery Therapeutics Clearance Project - Bennie Fontenot
15. Ratification of the Netting Prohibition, Hardwater Lake - Bennie Fontenot
16. Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - Net Ban During Lake Drawdown - Bennie Fontenot
17. Presentation on Hunter Safety - Bud Carpenter

*Will call
at 10:00*

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April 26, 1994

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I am writing to you on behalf of myself and many other sportsmen and friends who live in Pointe Coupee Parish. The purpose of this letter is to discuss the current policies of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as they pertain to the regulation of use of dogs for the purpose of deer hunting.

While I am opposed to the running or chasing of any wild creatures by domestic dogs in globo, I am especially concerned by the length of the deer hunting season with dogs in Point Coupee Parish. the use of dogs for the purpose of ambushing a wild deer creates a number of negative effects on the natural habitat. Some of these effects are as follows:

1. Disrupts the natural habitat in which the animal normally exists.
2. While dogs are trained to chase deer, in the absence of deer the dogs will chase other wildlife to the point of exhaustion.
3. Dogs do not recognize property boundaries. They legally trespass on privately owned or leased property.
4. The practice disrupts the activity of still hunters who are utilizing their own property and practice careful wildlife management on the property.
5. The ill effects on the dogs themselves after days of endless pursuit of wildlife.

I ask for your consideration and study of this matter. I am requesting your consideration for the elimination of deer hunting with dogs or, at a minimum, the reduction of hunting days with dogs to levels similar to other areas in Louisiana. The table below demonstrates the abundance of deer hunting days with dogs in Pointe Coupee Parish (Area 6).

AREA 1	59 Total Days 32 still hunting days 27 hunting days w/dogs
AREA 2	68 Total Days 42 still hunting days 26 hunting days w/dogs
AREA 3	68 Total Days 68 still hunting days 0 hunting days w/dogs
AREA 4	51 Total Days — 51 still hunting days 0 hunting days w/dogs
AREA 5	14 Total Days 14 still hunting days 0 hunting days w/dogs
AREA 6 Pointe Coupee Parish	59 Total Days 14 still hunting days 45 hunting days w/dogs

I respectfully ask you to consider this matter. The situation in Pointe Coupee Parish is one that needs immediate attention.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Very truly yours,



cc: Edwin W. Edwards, Governor, State of Louisiana
Joe L. Herring, Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Clyde W. Kimball, Deputy Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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Peter G. Vujnovich, Sr., Member, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Louisiana Pacific Corporation

June 10, 1994

Dear Lessee:

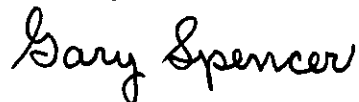
The spring season has just passed and we find ourselves headed into the warm dog days of summer. But, before long our thoughts will turn from fishing, boating, gardening and other summer activities to the fall hunting season. As the first cold front approaches, we will be out on our leases cleaning up the camp, checking deer stands and searching the woods for fresh signs of the big one that slipped by last season.

I am looking forward to the upcoming hunting season just as much as you are. Range conditions are excellent and early prospects look encouraging for a good deer crop. This fall will begin my first full hunting season as a wildlife biologist with Louisiana Pacific. After 26 years of service with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, I have joined the L.P. team. I am looking forward to assisting L.P.'s staff of professional foresters in managing wildlife on over 900,000 acres of company lands in Texas and Louisiana.

Louisiana Pacific uses a system of forest management which is unique among large industrial landowners. We still selectively harvest our trees and allow nature to replant them for us through natural seeding. We believe in working through the natural system as much as possible to achieve our goals of producing quality forest products and wildlife habitat.

As an introduction to our program, I am enclosing a supply of our new L.P. forest and wildlife publication. I would appreciate your assistance in distributing one copy of the brochure to each member of your hunting lease. Please contact your local L. P. forester for more information on our forestry and wildlife program.

Sincerely,



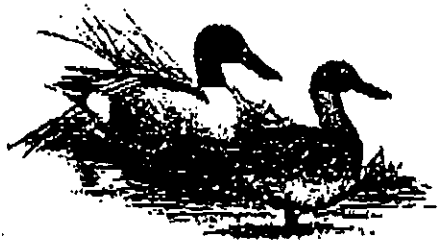
Gary Spencer
Wildlife Biologist

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TRENDS IN DUCK BREEDING POPULATIONS, 1955-94

J. A. Dubovsky, D.F. Caithamer, C.T. Moore, G.W. Smith, P.D. Keywood, and J.P. Bladen

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Migratory Bird Management
Laurel, MDAdministrative Report^a - July 5, 1994**ABSTRACT:** Breeding population estimates (in thousands, from strata 1-50 and 75-77) for 10 species of ducks in 1994 and percent changes from 1993 and long-term averages.

Species	1994 estimate	Change from 1993		Change from 1955-93 average	
		Percent	P	Percent	P
Mallard ✓	6980	+22	<0.001	+1	0.869
Gadwall	2318	+32	0.002	+80	<0.001
American wigeon	2382	+16	0.053	-6	0.251
Green-winged teal ✓	2108	+24	0.029	+30	0.002
Blue-winged teal ✓	4618	+45	<0.001	+14	0.027
Northern shoveler	2912	+42	<0.001	+66	<0.001
Northern pintail ✓	2972	+45	<0.001	-31	<0.001
Redhead	653	+35	0.049	+16	0.189
Canvasback	526	+11	0.585	+1	0.949
Scaup Scaup	4529	+11	0.207	-16	0.001
Total dabblers and divers ^b	32523	+24	<0.001	+5	0.011

^aThis report is intended for administrative use only and is not for publication without the permission of the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.^bExcludes scoters, eiders, oldsquaws and mergansers.Ring-necked
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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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Joe L. Herring
Secretary



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JULY MEETING OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION SET

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will conduct its next regular meeting on Thursday, July 7, 1994, at 10 a.m. in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, La.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda follows.

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4. Aircraft report.
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17. Presentation on hunter safety.
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21. Secretary's report to the Commission.
22. Set November 1994 meeting date.
23. Public comments.
24. Claim for underpayment of royalty owed by Justiss Oil Company affecting state agency lease nos. 6840, 6841, and 6842, Ouachita Parish, La. (Executive Session).

June 30, 1994

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June 28, 1994

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June 28, 1994

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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
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CORKY PERRET

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DON PUCKETT

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JLH:sch

cc: Clyde Kimball
Fred Prejean
Lee Caubarreux
Corky Perret
Don Puckett
John Medica
Division Chiefs

Received verbal
approval by
Mr. Cormier
6/28/94 - 9:10a.m.

June 21, 1994

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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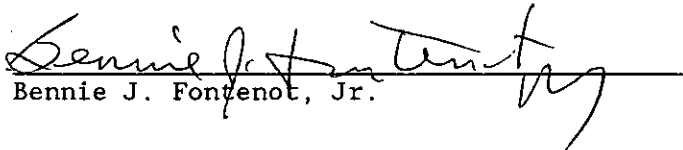
FROM: Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr., Administrator
Inland Fish Division

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - July 7, 1994

The following item from the Inland Fisheries Division is to be included on the agenda for the July meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me or Audry.

1. Hardwater Lake netting rule - ratification
2. Netting regulations during lake drawdowns - Emergency action and Notice of Intent
3. LA Bass Hatchery, Inc. contribution to Hatchery Therapeutics Clearance Project

Thank you!


Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr.

BJF:acc
cc: Joe Herring
Corky Perret

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TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries

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REPORT ON THE GLOBAL TRENDS
IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
Conference, Seattle June 14-16.

Since I am attending
Mr. Herring, I can do this if you?
Corky think it would be a good

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1) FINAL RATIFICATION OF HUNTING SEASONS FOR
1994-95, Resident Game - T. Puckett

2) 1994 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON REPORT, Spring
Nesting and Drawing for SHOTGUNS - D. Timmer

3) ~~Declaration of Emergency~~ 1994-95
Recommendation Notice of Intent ON Mig. Bird Hunting Season
Dates, Bag Limits Doves, Snipe, Rails,
Woodcock, Gallinules, and Sept. Teal Seasons
- Dave Morrison

4) ANNOUNCEMENT, LA DUCK STAMP CONTEST - D. Morrison
6-6-94
An Equal Opportunity Employer H. Bateman

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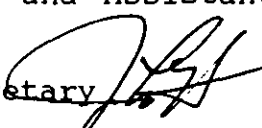
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~~Best will still be here in December!~~

Warren Truitt - Rep. Thibodeaux

Resolution: Resolution directing the Dept.
to submit scientific data and compare with
field observation in conjunction with relevant
economic data and report back by Dec.
meeting

~~The 50 to 100 million!~~

~~Land.~~

~~We need to get together after
the meeting with Johnnie Turner.~~

~~Jerald, Ben, Jeff~~